# GA-G41M-ES2H

LGA775 socket motherboard for Intel® Core™ processor family/
Intel® Pentium® processor family/Intel® Celeron® processor family

## User's Manual

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| ☐ **EN 55015** | Limits and methods of measurement of radio disturbance characteristics of fluorescent lamps and luminaries | ☐ **EN 55014-2** | Immunity requirements for household appliances tools and similar apparatus |
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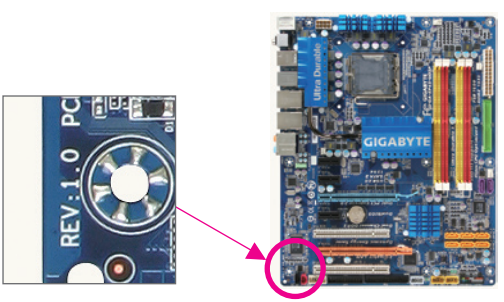

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# Box Contents

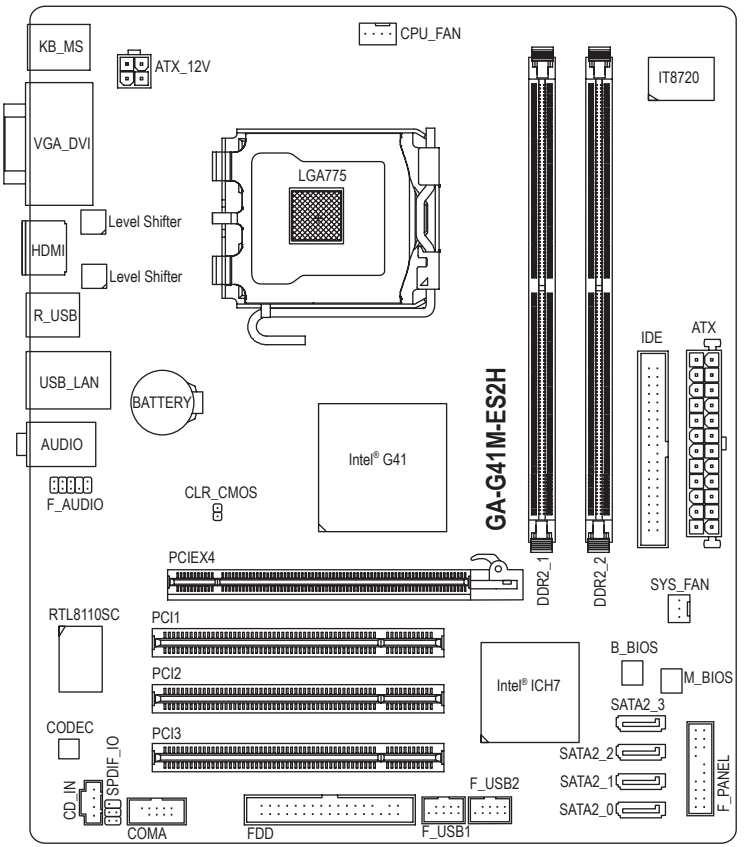
- ☑ GA-G41M-ES2H motherboard
- ☑ Motherboard driver disk
- ☑ User's Manual
- ☑ One IDE cable
- ☑ Two SATA 3Gb/s cables
- ☑ I/O Shield

- The box contents above are for reference only and the actual items shall depend on the product package you obtain. The box contents are subject to change without notice.
- The motherboard image is for reference only.

# Optional Items

- ☐ Floppy disk drive cable (Part No. 12CF1-1FD001-7*R)
- ☐ 2-port USB 2.0 bracket (Part No. 12CR1-1UB030-5*R)
- ☐ 2-port SATA power cable (Part No. 12CF1-2SERPW-0*R)
- ☐ S/PDIF in and out cable (Part No. 12CR1-1SPINO-1*R)
- ☐ COM port cable (Part No. 12CF1-1CM001-3*R)

# GA-G41M-ES2H Motherboard Layout



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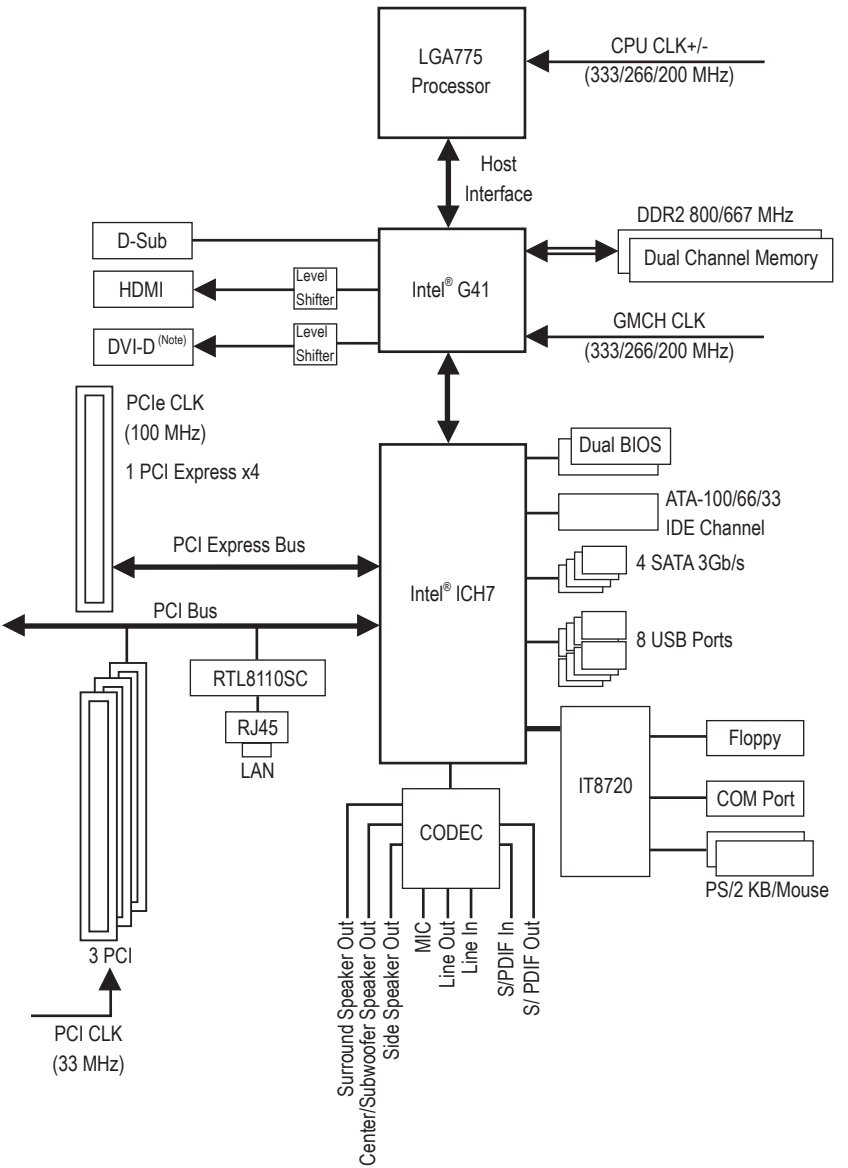


(Note) The DVI-D port does not support D-Sub connection by adapter.

# Chapter 1 Hardware Installation

## 1-1 Installation Precautions

The motherboard contains numerous delicate electronic circuits and components which can become damaged as a result of electrostatic discharge (ESD). Prior to installation, carefully read the user's manual and follow these procedures:

- Prior to installation, do not remove or break motherboard S/N (Serial Number) sticker or warranty sticker provided by your dealer. These stickers are required for warranty validation.
- Always remove the AC power by unplugging the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the motherboard or other hardware components.
- When connecting hardware components to the internal connectors on the motherboard, make sure they are connected tightly and securely.
- When handling the motherboard, avoid touching any metal leads or connectors.
- It is best to wear an electrostatic discharge (ESD) wrist strap when handling electronic components such as a motherboard, CPU or memory. If you do not have an ESD wrist strap, keep your hands dry and first touch a metal object to eliminate static electricity.
- Prior to installing the motherboard, please have it on top of an antistatic pad or within an electrostatic shielding container.
- Before unplugging the power supply cable from the motherboard, make sure the power supply has been turned off.
- Before turning on the power, make sure the power supply voltage has been set according to the local voltage standard.
- Before using the product, please verify that all cables and power connectors of your hardware components are connected.
- To prevent damage to the motherboard, do not allow screws to come in contact with the motherboard circuit or its components.
- Make sure there are no leftover screws or metal components placed on the motherboard or within the computer casing.
- Do not place the computer system on an uneven surface.
- Do not place the computer system in a high-temperature environment.
- Turning on the computer power during the installation process can lead to damage to system components as well as physical harm to the user.
- If you are uncertain about any installation steps or have a problem related to the use of the product, please consult a certified computer technician.

## 1-2 Product Specifications

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| CPU | ◆ Support for an Intel® Core™ 2 Extreme processor/ Intel® Core™ 2 Quad processor/Intel® Core™ 2 Duo processor/ Intel® Pentium® processor/Intel® Celeron® processor in the LGA775 package (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest CPU support list.)<br>◆ L2 cache varies with CPU |
| Front Side Bus | ◆ 1333/1066/800 MHz FSB |
| Chipset | ◆ North Bridge: Intel® G41 Express Chipset<br>◆ South Bridge: Intel® ICH7 |
| Memory | ◆ 2 x 1.8V DDR2 DIMM sockets supporting up to 8 GB of system memory (Note 1)<br>◆ Dual channel memory architecture<br>◆ Support for DDR2 800/667 MHz memory modules (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest memory support list.) |
| Audio | ◆ Realtek ALC888B codec<br>◆ High Definition Audio<br>◆ 2/4/5.1/7.1-channel (Note 2)<br>◆ Support for S/PDIF In/Out<br>◆ Support for CD In |
| LAN | ◆ RTL8110SC chips (10/100/1000 Mbit) |
| Expansion Slots | ◆ 1 x PCI Express x16 slot, running at x4<br>◆ 3 x PCI slots |
| Storage Interface | ◆ South Bridge:<br>- 1 x IDE connector supporting ATA-100/66/33 and up to 2 IDE devices<br>- 4 x SATA 3Gb/s connectors supporting up to 4 SATA 3Gb/s devices<br>◆ iTE IT8720 chip:<br>- 1 x floppy disk drive connector supporting up to 1 floppy disk drive |
| USB | ◆ Integrated in the South Bridge<br>◆ Up to 8 USB 2.0/1.1 ports (4 on the back panel, 4 via the USB brackets connected to the internal USB headers) |

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| Internal Connectors | ◆ 1 x 24-pin ATX main power connector<br>◆ 1 x 4-pin ATX 12V power connector<br>◆ 1 x floppy disk drive connector<br>◆ 1 x IDE connector<br>◆ 4 x SATA 3Gb/s connectors<br>◆ 1 x CPU fan header<br>◆ 1 x system fan header<br>◆ 1 x front panel header<br>◆ 1 x front panel audio header<br>◆ 1 x CD In connector<br>◆ 1 x S/PDIF In/Out header<br>◆ 2 x USB 2.0/1.1 headers<br>◆ 1 x serial port header<br>◆ 1 x clearing CMOS jumper |
| Back Panel Connectors | ◆ 1 x PS/2 keyboard port<br>◆ 1 x PS/2 mouse port<br>◆ 1 x D-Sub port<br>◆ 1 x DVI-D port (Note 3)<br>◆ 1 x HDMI port<br>◆ 4 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports<br>◆ 1 x RJ-45 port<br>◆ 3 x audio jacks (Line In/Line Out/Microphone) |
| I/O | ◆ iTE IT8720 |
| Hardware Monitor | ◆ System voltage detection<br>◆ CPU/System temperature detection<br>◆ CPU/System fan speed detection<br>◆ CPU overheating warning<br>◆ CPU/System fan fail warning<br>◆ CPU fan speed control (Note 4) |
| BIOS | ◆ 2 x 8 Mbit flash<br>◆ Use of licensed AWARD BIOS<br>◆ Support for DualBIOS™<br>◆ PnP 1.0a, DMI 2.0, SM BIOS 2.4, ACPI 1.0b |

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| Unique Features | ◆ | Support for @BIOS<br>◆ Support for Q-Flash<br>◆ Support for Xpress BIOS Rescue<br>◆ Support for Download Center<br>◆ Support for Xpress Install<br>◆ Support for Xpress Recovery2<br>◆ Support for EasyTune (Note 5)<br>◆ Support for Easy Energy Saver (Note 6)<br>◆ Support for Time Repair<br>◆ Support for Q-Share |
| Bundled Software | ◆ | Norton Internet Security (OEM version) |
| Operating System | ◆ | Support for Microsoft® Windows® Vista/XP |
| Form Factor | ◆ | Micro ATX Form Factor; 24.4cm x 20.8cm |

(Note 1) Due to Windows Vista/XP 32-bit operating system limitation, when more than 4 GB of physical memory is installed, the actual memory size displayed will be less than 4 GB.

(Note 2) To configure 7.1-channel audio, you need connect with the port of HD Audio standard via front panel and enable the multi-channel audio feature through the audio driver.

(Note 3) The DVI-D port does not support D-Sub connection by adapter.

(Note 4) Whether the CPU fan speed control function is supported will depend on the CPU cooler you install.

(Note 5) Available functions in EasyTune may differ by motherboard model.

(Note 6) Due to the hardware limitation, you must install the Intel®Core™ 2 Extreme/ Core™ 2 Quad/ Core™ 2 Duo/ Pentium Dual-Core/ Celeron Dual-Core/ Celeron 400 Series CPU to enable support for Easy Energy Saver.

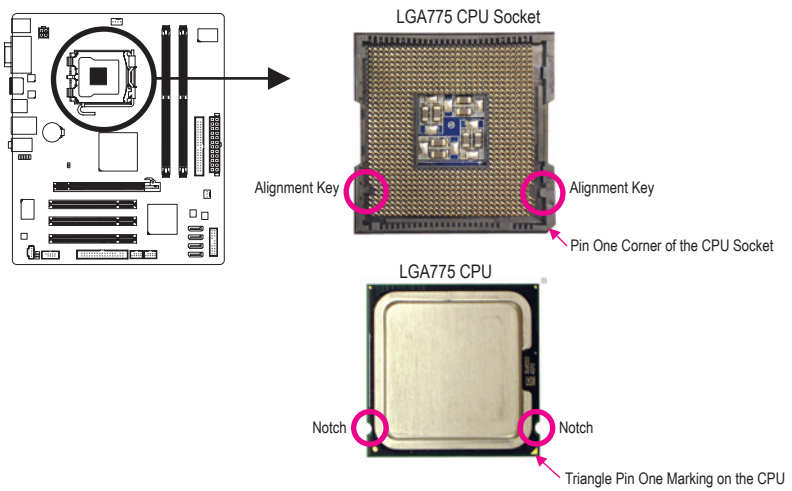
# 1-3 Installing the CPU and CPU Cooler

Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the CPU:

- Make sure that the motherboard supports the CPU.
  (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest CPU support list.)
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing the CPU to prevent hardware damage.
- Locate the pin one of the CPU. The CPU cannot be inserted if oriented incorrectly. (Or you may locate the notches on both sides of the CPU and alignment keys on the CPU socket.)
- Apply an even and thin layer of thermal grease on the surface of the CPU.
- Do not turn on the computer if the CPU cooler is not installed, otherwise overheating and damage of the CPU may occur.
- Set the CPU host frequency in accordance with the CPU specifications. It is not recommended that the system bus frequency be set beyond hardware specifications since it does not meet the standard requirements for the peripherals. If you wish to set the frequency beyond the standard specifications, please do so according to your hardware specifications including the CPU, graphics card, memory, hard drive, etc.

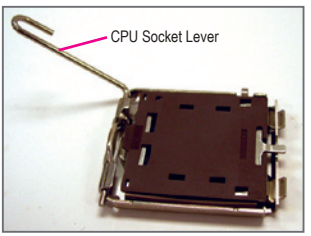
## 1-3-1 Installing the CPU

A. Locate the alignment keys on the motherboard CPU socket and the notches on the CPU.

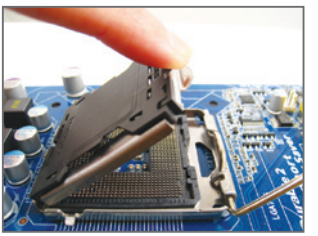


B. Follow the steps below to correctly install the CPU into the motherboard CPU socket.

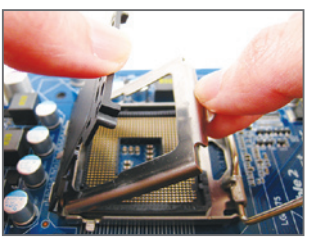
**Before installing the CPU, make sure to turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the CPU.**



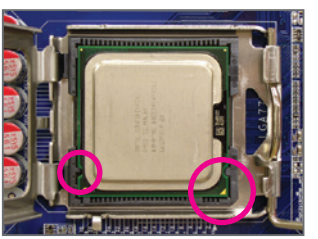

Step 1:
Completely raise the CPU socket lever.



Step 2:
Lift the metal load plate from the CPU socket. (DO NOT touch socket contacts.)



Step 3:
Remove the protective socket cover from the load plate. (To protect the CPU socket, always replace the protective socket cover when the CPU is not installed.)



Step 4:
Hold the CPU with your thumb and index fingers. Align the CPU pin one marking (triangle) with the pin one corner of the CPU socket (or you may align the CPU notches with the socket alignment keys) and gently insert the CPU into position.

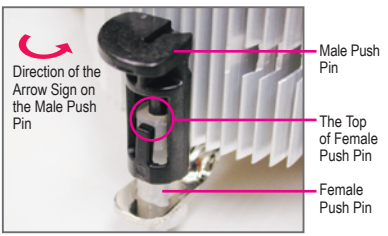
Step 5:
Once the CPU is properly inserted, replace the load plate and push the CPU socket lever back into its locked position.

## 1-3-2 Installing the CPU Cooler

Follow the steps below to correctly install the CPU cooler on the motherboard. (The following procedure uses Intel® boxed cooler as the example cooler.)

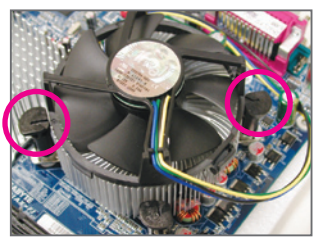
Step 1:

Apply an even and thin layer of thermal grease on the surface of the installed CPU.



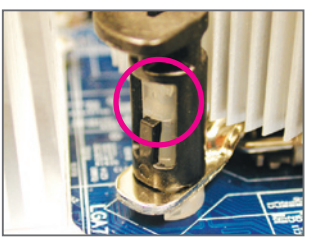

Step 2:

Before installing the cooler, note the direction of the arrow sign on the male push pin. (Turning the push pin along the direction of arrow is to remove the cooler, on the contrary, is to install.)



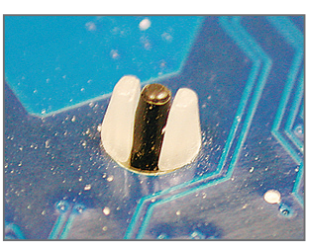
Step 3:

Place the cooler atop the CPU, aligning the four push pins through the pin holes on the motherboard. Push down on the push pins diagonally.



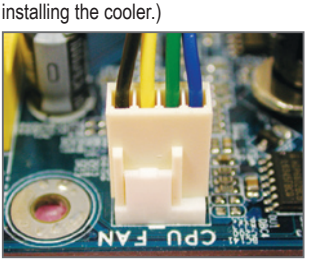
Step 4:

You should hear a "click" when pushing down each push pin. Check that the Male and Female push pins are joined closely. (Refer to your CPU cooler installation manual for instructions on installing the cooler.)



Step 5:

After the installation, check the back of the motherboard. If the push pin is inserted as the picture above shows, the installation is complete.




Step 6:

Finally, attach the power connector of the CPU cooler to the CPU fan header (CPU_FAN) on the motherboard.

Use extreme care when removing the CPU cooler because the thermal grease/tape between the CPU cooler and CPU may adhere to the CPU. Inadequately removing the CPU cooler may damage the CPU.

# 1-4 Installing the Memory

Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the memory:

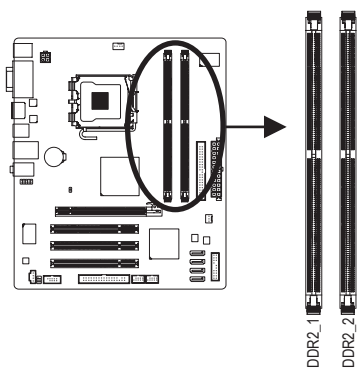
- Make sure that the motherboard supports the memory. It is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used.
  (Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest memory support list.)
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing the memory to prevent hardware damage.
- Memory modules have a foolproof design. A memory module can be installed in only one direction. If you are unable to insert the memory, switch the direction.

## 1-4-1 Dual Channel Memory Configuration

This motherboard provides four DDR2 memory sockets and supports Dual Channel Technology. After the memory is installed, the BIOS will automatically detect the specifications and capacity of the memory. Enabling Dual Channel memory mode will double the original memory bandwidth.

The four DDR2 memory sockets are divided into two channels and each channel has two memory sockets as following:

- Channel 0: DDR2_1
- Channel 1: DDR2_2



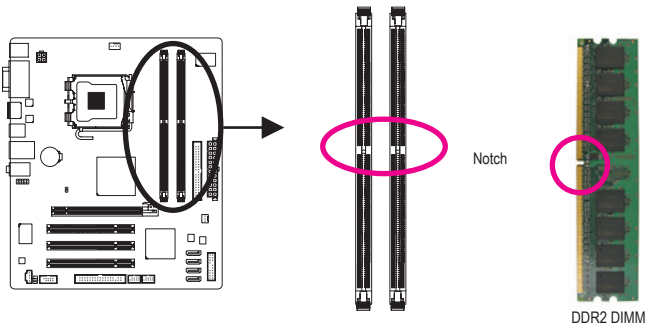

Due to chipset limitations, read the following guidelines before installing the memory in Dual Channel mode.

1. Dual Channel mode cannot be enabled if only one DDR2 memory module is installed.
2. When enabling Dual Channel mode with two memory modules, it is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used.

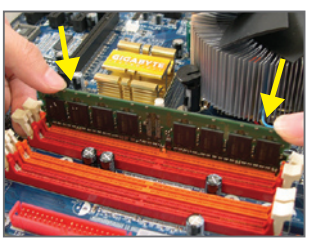
## 1-4-2 Installing a Memory

**Before installing a memory module, make sure to turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the memory module.**

**DDR2 DIMMs are not compatible to DDR DIMMs. Be sure to install DDR2 DIMMs on this motherboard.**

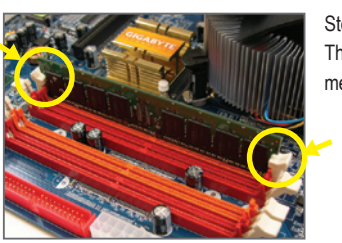



A DDR2 memory module has a notch, so it can only fit in one direction. Follow the steps below to correctly install your memory modules in the memory sockets.



Step 1:

Note the orientation of the memory module. Spread the retaining clips at both ends of the memory socket. Place the memory module on the socket. As indicated in the picture on the left, place your fingers on the top edge of the memory, push down on the memory and insert it vertically into the memory socket.



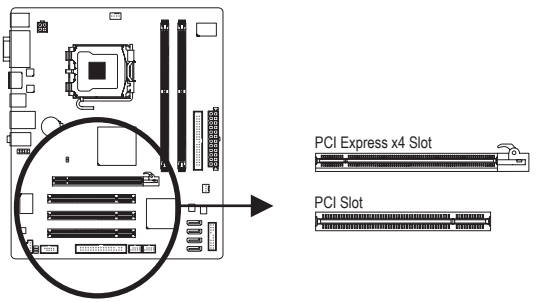
Step 2:

The clips at both ends of the socket will snap into place when the memory module is securely inserted.

## 1-5 Installing an Expansion Card

Read the following guidelines before you begin to install an expansion card:

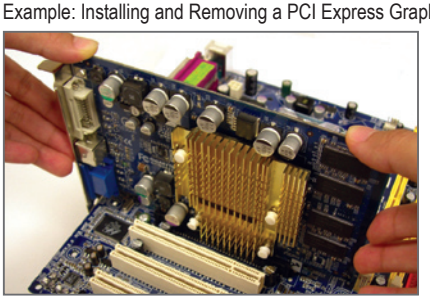
- Make sure the motherboard supports the expansion card. Carefully read the manual that came with your expansion card.
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing an expansion card to prevent hardware damage.



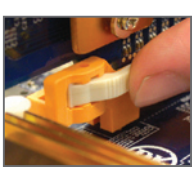

Follow the steps below to correctly install your expansion card in the expansion slot.

1. Locate an expansion slot that supports your card. Remove the metal slot cover from the chassis back panel.
2. Align the card with the slot, and press down on the card until it is fully seated in the slot.
3. Make sure the metal contacts on the card are completely inserted into the slot.
4. Secure the card's metal bracket to the chassis back panel with a screw.
5. After installing all expansion cards, replace the chassis cover(s).
6. Turn on your computer. If necessary, go to BIOS Setup to make any required BIOS changes for your expansion card(s).
7. Install the driver provided with the expansion card in your operating system.

Example: Installing and Removing a PCI Express Graphics Card:

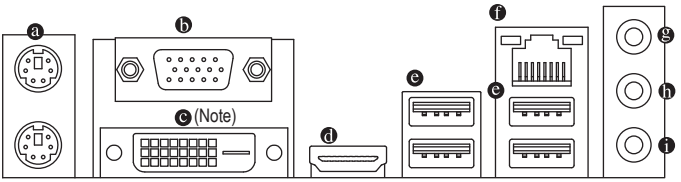


- Installing a Graphics Card:
  Gently push down on the top edge of the card until it is fully inserted into the PCI Express slot. Make sure the card is securely seated in the slot and does not rock.



- Removing the Card from the PCIEX4 slot:
  Press the white latch at the end of the slot to release the card and then lift the card straight out from the slot.

## 1-6 Back Panel Connectors




### a PS/2 Keyboard and PS/2 Mouse Port

Use the upper port (green) to connect a PS/2 mouse and the lower port (purple) to connect a PS/2 keyboard.

### b D-Sub Port

The D-Sub port supports a 15-pin D-Sub connector. Connect a monitor that supports D-Sub connection to this port.

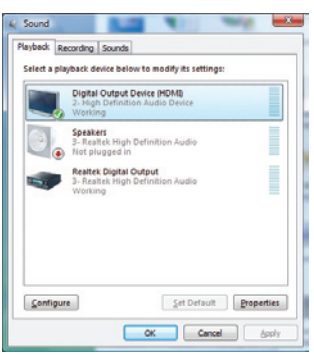
### c DVI-D Port(Note)

The DVI-D port supports DVI-D specifictation. Connect a monitor that supports DVI-D connection to this port.

### d HDMI Port

The HDMI (High-Definition Multimedia Interface) provides an all-digital audio/video interface to transmit the uncompressed audio/video signals and is HDCP compliant. Connect the HDMI audio/video device to this port. The HDMI Technology can support a maximum resolution of 1920x1080 but the actual resolutions supported depend on the monitor being used.

Please note the HDMI audio output only supports AC3, DTS and 2-channel-LPCM formats. (AC3 and DTS require the use of an external decoder for decoding.)




In Windows Vista, select Start>Control Panel>Sound, select Digital Output Device (HDMI) and then click Set Default.

(Note ) The DVI-D port does not support D-Sub connection by adapter.

- When removing the cable connected to a back panel connector, first remove the cable from your device and then remove it from the motherboard.
- When removing the cable, pull it straight out from the connector. Do not rock it side to side to prevent an electrical short inside the cable connector.

### A. Dual Display Configurations:

This motherboard provides three display ports, DVI-D, HDMI, and D-Sub ports and supports dual-display configurations. Note that the DVI-D+HDMI configuration only works in operating system environments. In addition, under this configuration, the BIOS Setup and POST screens can only be output from the HDMI port.

### B. Playback of HD DVD and Blu-ray Discs:

In order to get better playback quality, when playing the HD DVD or Blu-ray discs, refer to the recommended system requirements (or better) below.

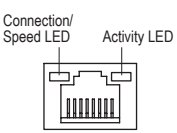
- CPU: Intel Dual-Core processor
- Memory: Two 1 GB DDR2 800 memory modules with dual channel mode enabled
- Playback software: CyberLink PowerDVD 8.0 or later (Note: Please ensure Hard ware Acceleration is enabled.)
- HDCP compliant monitor(s)

### ⓒ USB Port

The USB port supports the USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Use this port for USB devices such as a USB keyboard/mouse, USB printer, USB flash drive and etc.

### ⓕ RJ-45 LAN Port

The Gigabit Ethernet LAN port provides Internet connection at up to 1 Gbps data rate. The following describes the states of the LAN port LEDs.




Connection/Speed LED:

| State | Description |
|---|---|
| Orange | 1 Gbps data rate |
| Green | 100 Mbps data rate |
| Off | 10 Mbps data rate |

Activity LED:

| State | Description |
|---|---|
| Blinking | Data transmission or receiving is occurring |
| Off | No data transmission or receiving is occurring |

### ⓖ Line In Jack (Blue)

The default line in jack. Use this audio jack for line in devices such as an optical drive, walkman, etc.

### ⓗ Line Out Jack (Green)

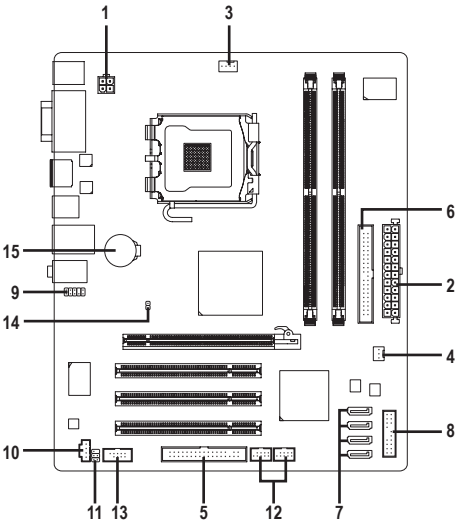
The default line out jack. Use this audio jack for a headphone or 2-channel speaker. This jack can be used to connect front speakers in a 4/5.1-channel audio configuration.

### ⓘ Mic In Jack (Pink)

The default Mic in jack. Microphones must be connected to this jack.

To configure 7.1-channel audio, you need connect with the port of HD Audio standard via front panel and enable the multi-channel audio feature through the audio driver. Refer to the instructions on setting up a 2/4/5.1/7.1-channel audio configuration in Chapter 5, "Configuring 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio."

## 1-7 Internal Connectors




| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1) | ATX_12V | 9) | F_AUDIO |
| 2) | ATX | 10) | CD_IN |
| 3) | CPU_FAN | 11) | SPDIF_IO |
| 4) | SYS_FAN | 12) | F_USB1/F_USB2 |
| 5) | FDD | 13) | COMA |
| 6) | IDE | 14) | CLR_CMOS |
| 7) | SATA2_0/1/2/3 | 15) | BATTERY |
| 8) | F_PANEL | | |

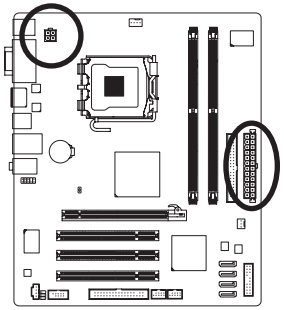
Read the following guidelines before connecting external devices:

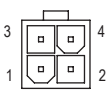
- First make sure your devices are compliant with the connectors you wish to connect.
- Before installing the devices, be sure to turn off the devices and your computer. Unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the devices.
- After installing the device and before turning on the computer, make sure the device cable has been securely attached to the connector on the motherboard.

## 1/2) ATX_12V/ATX (2x2 12V Power Connector and 2x12 Main Power Connector)

With the use of the power connector, the power supply can supply enough stable power to all the components on the motherboard. Before connecting the power connector, first make sure the power supply is turned off and all devices are properly installed. The power connector possesses a foolproof design. Connect the power supply cable to the power connector in the correct orientation. The 12V power connector mainly supplies power to the CPU. If the 12V power connector is not connected, the computer will not start.

- To meet expansion requirements, it is recommended that a power supply that can withstand high power consumption be used (500W or greater). If a power supply is used that does not provide the required power, the result can lead to an unstable or unbootable system.
- The power connectors are compatible with power supplies with 2x2 12V and 2x10 power connectors. When using a power supply providing a 2x4 12V and a 2x12 power connector, remove the protective covers from the 12V power connector and the main power connector on the motherboard. Do not insert the power supply cables into pins under the protective covers when using a power supply providing a 2x2 12V and a 2x10 power connector.

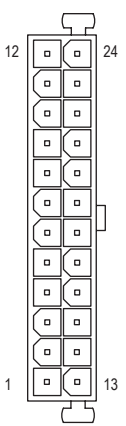




ATX_12V

ATX_12V:

| Pin No. | Definition |
|---|---|
| 1 | GND |
| 2 | GND |
| 3 | +12V |
| 4 | +12V |



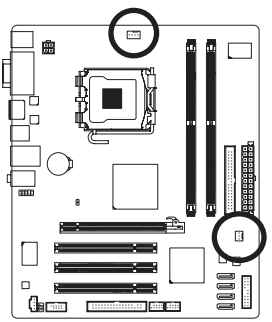
ATX

ATX:

| Pin No. | Definition | Pin No. | Definition |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 3.3V | 13 | 3.3V |
| 2 | 3.3V | 14 | -12V |
| 3 | GND | 15 | GND |
| 4 | +5V | 16 | PS_ON (soft On/Off) |
| 5 | GND | 17 | GND |
| 6 | +5V | 18 | GND |
| 7 | GND | 19 | GND |
| 8 | Power Good | 20 | -5V |
| 9 | 5VSB (stand by +5V) | 21 | +5V |
| 10 | +12V | 22 | +5V |
| 11 | +12V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX) | 23 | +5V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX) |
| 12 | 3.3V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX) | 24 | GND (Only for 2x12-pin ATX) |

### 3/4) CPU_FAN/SYS_FAN (Fan Headers)

The motherboard has a 4-pin CPU fan header (CPU_FAN) and a 3-pin (SYS_FAN) system fan header. Most fan headers possess a foolproof insertion design. When connecting a fan cable, be sure to connect it in the correct orientation (the black connector wire is the ground wire). The motherboard supports CPU fan speed control, which requires the use of a CPU fan with fan speed control design. For optimum heat dissipation, it is recommended that a system fan be installed inside the chassis.



CPU_FAN:

| Pin No. | Definition |
|---|---|
| 1 | GND |
| 2 | +12V |
| 3 | Sense |
| 4 | Speed Control |

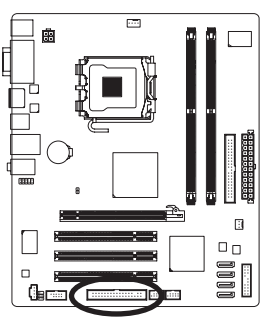
SYS_FAN:

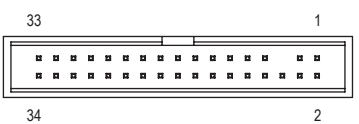
| Pin No. | Definition |
|---|---|
| 1 | GND |
| 2 | +12V |
| 3 | Sense |

- Be sure to connect fan cables to the fan headers to prevent your CPU and system from overheating. Overheating may result in damage to the CPU or the system may hang.
- These fan headers are not configuration jumper blocks. Do not place a jumper cap on the headers.

### 5) FDD (Floppy Disk Drive Connector)

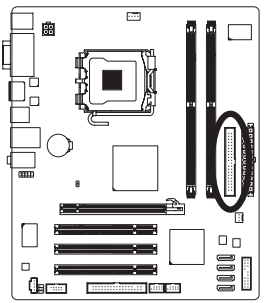
This connector is used to connect a floppy disk drive. The types of floppy disk drives supported are: 360 KB, 720 KB, 1.2 MB, 1.44 MB, and 2.88 MB. Before connecting a floppy disk drive, be sure to locate pin 1 of the connector and the floppy disk drive cable. The pin 1 of the cable is typically designated by a stripe of different color.

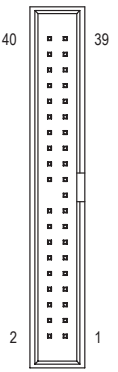




## 6) IDE (IDE Connector)

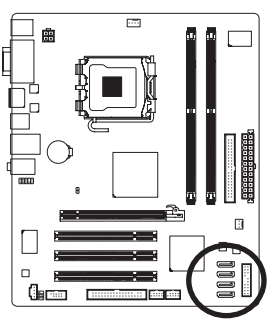
The IDE connector supports up to two IDE devices such as hard drives and optical drives. Before attaching the IDE cable, locate the foolproof groove on the connector. If you wish to connect two IDE devices, remember to set the jumpers and the cabling according to the role of the IDE devices (for example, master or slave). (For information about configuring master/slave settings for the IDE devices, read the instructions from the device manufacturers.)



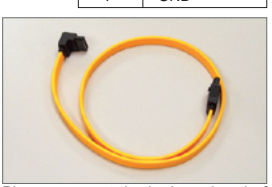



## 7) SATA2_0/1/2/3 (SATA 3Gb/s Connectors)

The SATA connectors conform to SATA 3Gb/s standard and are compatible with SATA 1.5Gb/s standard. Each SATA connector supports a single SATA device.



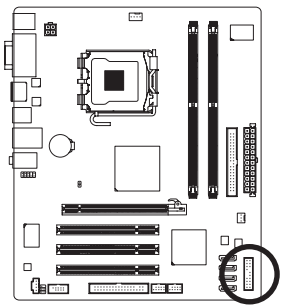
| Pin No. | Definition |
|---|---|
| 1 | GND |
| 2 | TXP |
| 3 | TXN |
| 4 | GND |
| 5 | RXN |
| 6 | RXP |
| 7 | GND |

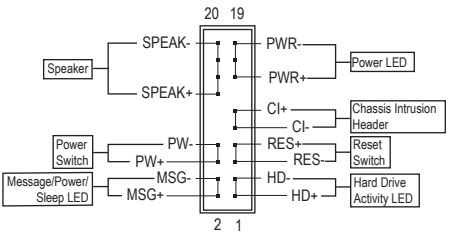


Please connect the L-shaped end of the SATA 3Gb/s cable to your SATA hard drive.

## 8) F_PANEL (Front Panel Header)

Connect the power switch, reset switch, speaker and system status indicator on the chassis front panel to this header according to the pin assignments below. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.






- **MSG/PWR** (Message/Power/Sleep LED, Yellow/Purple):

| System Status | LED |
|---|---|
| S0 | On |
| S1 | Blinking |
| S3/S4/S5 | Off |

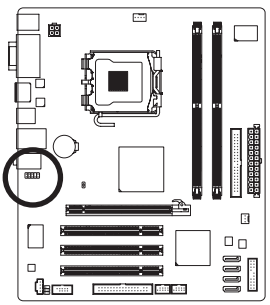
Connects to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED keeps blinking when the system is in S1 sleep state. The LED is off when the system is in S3/S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

- **PW** (Power Switch, Red):
  Connects to the power switch on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power switch (refer to Chapter 2, "BIOS Setup," "Power Management Setup," for more information).
- **SPEAK** (Speaker, Orange):
  Connects to the speaker on the chassis front panel. The system reports system startup status by issuing a beep code. One single short beep will be heard if no problem is detected at system startup. If a problem is detected, the BIOS may issue beeps in different patterns to indicate the problem. Refer to Chapter 5, "Troubleshooting," for information about beep codes.
- **HD** (Hard Drive Activity LED, Blue)
  Connects to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.
- **RES** (Reset Switch, Green):
  Connects to the reset switch on the chassis front panel. Press the reset switch to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.
- **CI** (Chassis Intrusion Header, Gray):
  Connects to the chassis intrusion switch/sensor on the chassis that can detect if the chassis cover has been removed. This function requires a chassis with a chassis intrusion switch/sensor.

The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power switch, reset switch, power LED, hard drive activity LED, speaker and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assignments are matched correctly.

## 9) F_AUDIO (Front Panel Audio Header)

The front panel audio header supports Intel High Definition audio (HD) and AC'97 audio. You may connect your chassis front panel audio module to this header. Make sure the wire assignments of the module connector match the pin assignments of the motherboard header. Incorrect connection between the module connector and the motherboard header will make the device unable to work or even damage it.



For HD Front Panel Audio:

| Pin No. | Definition |
|---|---|
| 1 | MIC2_L |
| 2 | GND |
| 3 | MIC2_R |
| 4 | -ACZ_DET |
| 5 | LINE2_R |
| 6 | GND |
| 7 | FAUDIO_JD |
| 8 | No Pin |
| 9 | LINE2_L |
| 10 | GND |

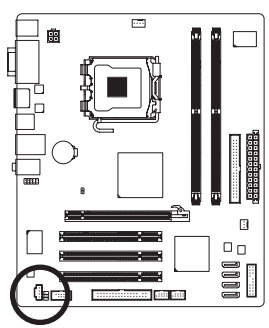
For AC'97 Front Panel Audio:

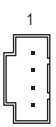
| Pin No. | Definition |
|---|---|
| 1 | MIC |
| 2 | GND |
| 3 | MIC Power |
| 4 | NC |
| 5 | Line Out (R) |
| 6 | NC |
| 7 | NC |
| 8 | No Pin |
| 9 | Line Out (L) |
| 10 | NC |

- The front panel audio header supports HD audio by default. If your chassis provides an AC'97 front panel audio module, refer to the instructions on how to activate AC'97 functionality via the audio software in Chapter 5, "Configuring 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio."
- Audio signals will be present on both of the front and back panel audio connections simultaneously. If you want to mute the back panel audio (only supported when using an HD front panel audio module), refer to Chapter 5, "Configuring 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio."
- Some chassis provide a front panel audio module that has separated connectors on each wire instead of a single plug. For information about connecting the front panel audio module that has different wire assignments, please contact the chassis manufacturer.

## 10) CD_IN (CD In Connector, Black)

You may connect the audio cable that came with your optical drive to the header.

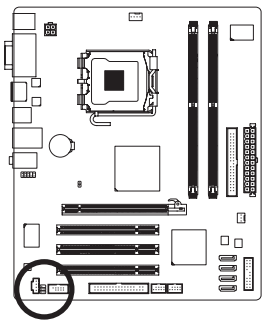





| Pin No. | Definition |
|---|---|
| 1 | CD-L |
| 2 | GND |
| 3 | GND |
| 4 | CD-R |

## 11) SPDIF_IO (S/PDIF In/Out Header, Red)

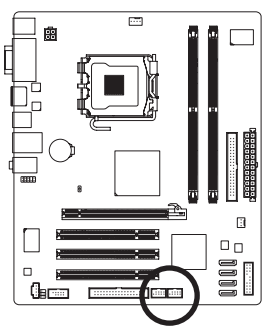
This header supports digital S/PDIF in/out. Via an optional S/PDIF in and out cable, this header can connect to an audio device that supports digital audio out and an audio system that supports digital audio in. For purchasing the optional S/PDIF in and out cable, please contact the local dealer.

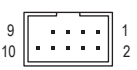


| Pin No. | Definition |
|---|---|
| 1 | Power |
| 2 | No Pin |
| 3 | SPDIF |
| 4 | SPDIFI |
| 5 | GND |
| 6 | GND |

## 12) F_USB1/F_USB2 (USB Headers, Yellow)

The headers conform to USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Each USB header can provide two USB ports via an optional USB bracket. For purchasing the optional USB bracket, please contact the local dealer.



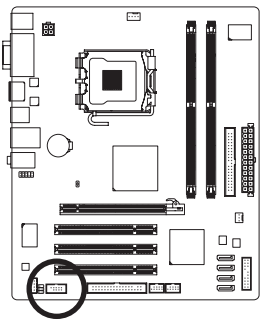


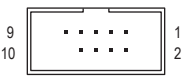

| Pin No. | Definition |
|---|---|
| 1 | Power (5V) |
| 2 | Power (5V) |
| 3 | USB DX- |
| 4 | USB DY- |
| 5 | USB DX+ |
| 6 | USB DY+ |
| 7 | GND |
| 8 | GND |
| 9 | No Pin |
| 10 | NC |

- Do not plug the IEEE 1394 bracket (2x5-pin) cable into the USB header.
- Prior to installing the USB bracket, be sure to turn off your computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the USB bracket.

## 13) COMA (Serial Port Header, White)

The COMA header can provide one serial port via an optional COM port cable. For purchasing the optional COM port cable, please contact the local dealer.

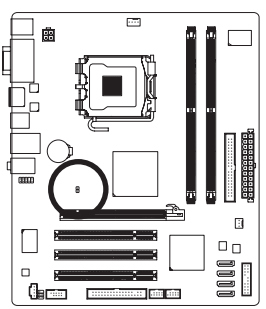





| Pin No. | Definition |
|---|---|
| 1 | NDCD- |
| 2 | NSIN |
| 3 | NSOUT |
| 4 | NDTR- |
| 5 | GND |
| 6 | NDSR- |
| 7 | NRTS- |
| 8 | NCTS- |
| 9 | NRI- |
| 10 | No Pin |

## 14) CLR_CMOS (Clearing CMOS Jumper)

Use this jumper to clear the CMOS values (e.g. date information and BIOS configurations) and reset the CMOS values to factory defaults. To clear the CMOS values, place a jumper cap on the two pins to temporarily short the two pins or use a metal object like a screwdriver to touch the two pins for a few seconds.



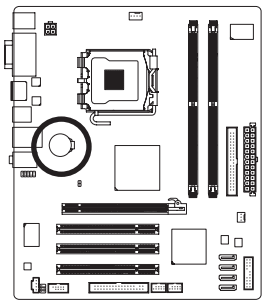
Open: Normal

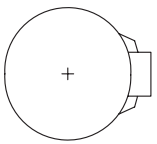
Short: Clear CMOS Values

- Always turn off your computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before clearing the CMOS values.
- After clearing the CMOS values and before turning on your computer, be sure to remove the jumper cap from the jumper. Failure to do so may cause damage to the motherboard.
- After system restart, go to BIOS Setup to load factory defaults (select **Load Optimized Defaults**) or manually configure the BIOS settings (refer to Chapter 2, "BIOS Setup," for BIOS configurations).

## 15) BATTERY (Battery)

The battery provides power to keep the values (such as BIOS configurations, date, and time information) in the CMOS when the computer is turned off. Replace the battery when the battery voltage drops to a low level, or the CMOS values may not be accurate or may be lost.





You may clear the CMOS values by removing the battery:

1. Turn off your computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Gently remove the battery from the battery holder and wait for one minute. (Or use a metal object like a screwdriver to touch the positive and negative terminals of the battery holder, making them short for 5 seconds.)
3. Replace the battery.
4. Plug in the power cord and restart your computer.

- Always turn off your computer and unplug the power cord before replacing the battery.
- Replace the battery with an equivalent one. Danger of explosion if the battery is replaced with an incorrect model.
- Contact the place of purchase or local dealer if you are not able to replace the battery by yourself or uncertain about the battery model.
- When installing the battery, note the orientation of the positive side (+) and the negative side (-) of the battery (the positive side should face up).
- Used batteries must be handled in accordance with local environmental regulations.

# Chapter 2 BIOS Setup

BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) records hardware parameters of the system in the CMOS on the motherboard. Its major functions include conducting the Power-On Self-Test (POST) during system startup, saving system parameters and loading operating system, etc. BIOS includes a BIOS Setup program that allows the user to modify basic system configuration settings or to activate certain system features. When the power is turned off, the battery on the motherboard supplies the necessary power to the CMOS to keep the configuration values in the CMOS.

To access the BIOS Setup program, press the <Delete> key during the POST when the power is turned on. To see more advanced BIOS Setup menu options, you can press <Ctrl> + <F1> in the main menu of the BIOS Setup program.

To upgrade the BIOS, use either the GIGABYTE Q-Flash or @BIOS utility.

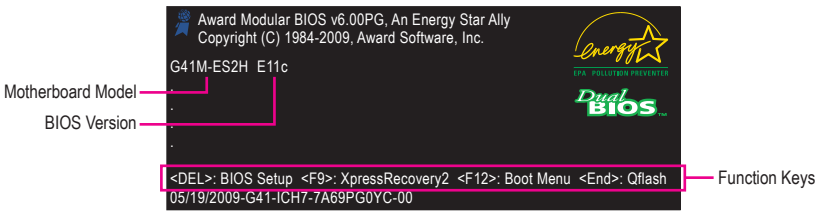
- Q-Flash allows the user to quickly and easily upgrade or back up BIOS without entering the operating system.
- @BIOS is a Windows-based utility that searches and downloads the latest version of BIOS from the Internet and updates the BIOS.

For instructions on using the Q-Flash and @BIOS utilities, refer to Chapter 4, "BIOS Update Utilities."

- Because BIOS flashing is potentially risky, if you do not encounter problems using the current version of BIOS, it is recommended that you not flash the BIOS. To flash the BIOS, do it with caution. Inadequate BIOS flashing may result in system malfunction.
- BIOS will emit a beep code during the POST. Refer to Chapter 5, "Troubleshooting," for the beep codes description.
- It is recommended that you not alter the default settings (unless you need to) to prevent system instability or other unexpected results. Inadequately altering the settings may result in system's failure to boot. If this occurs, try to clear the CMOS values and reset the board to default values. (Refer to the "Load Optimized Defaults" section in this chapter or introductions of the battery/ clearing CMOS jumper in Chapter 1 for how to clear the CMOS values.)

# 2-1 Startup Screen

The following screens may appear when the computer boots.


Award Modular BIOS v6.00PG, An Energy Star Ally
Copyright (C) 1984-2009, Award Software, Inc.
G41M-ES2H E11c
Motherboard Model
BIOS Version
<DEL>: BIOS Setup <F9>: XpressRecovery2 <F12>: Boot Menu <End>: Qflash
05/19/2009-G41-ICH7-7A69PG0YC-00
Function Keys

**Function Keys:**

**<DEL>: BIOS SETUP**

Press the <Delete> key to enter BIOS Setup or to access the Q-Flash utility in BIOS Setup.

**<F9>: XPRESS RECOVERY2**

If you have ever entered Xpress Recovery2 to back up hard drive data using the driver disk, the <F9> key can be used for subsequent access to Xpress Recovery2 during the POST. For more information, refer to Chapter 4, "Xpress Recovery2."

**<F12>: BOOT MENU**

Boot Menu allows you to set the first boot device without entering BIOS Setup. In Boot Menu, use the up arrow key <↑> or the down arrow key <↓> to select the first boot device, then press <Enter> to accept. To exit Boot Menu, press <Esc>. The system will directly boot from the device configured in Boot Menu.
Note: The setting in Boot Menu is effective for one time only. After system restart, the device boot order will still be based on BIOS Setup settings. You can access Boot Menu again to change the first boot device setting as needed.

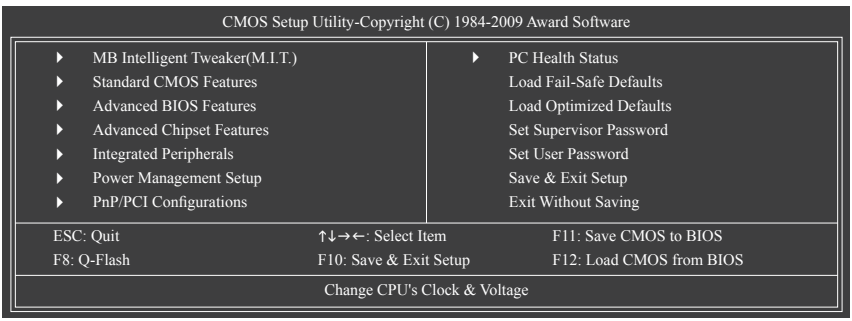
**<END>: Q-FLASH**

Press the <End> key to access the Q-Flash utility directly without having to enter BIOS Setup first.

## 2-2 The Main Menu

Once you enter the BIOS Setup program, the Main Menu (as shown below) appears on the screen. Use arrow keys to move among the items and press <Enter> to accept or enter a sub-menu.

**(Sample BIOS Version: E11c)**




### BIOS Setup Program Function Keys

| | |
|---|---|
| <↑><↓><←><→> | Move the selection bar to select an item |
| <Enter> | Execute command or enter the submenu |
| <Esc> | Main Menu: Exit the BIOS Setup program<br>Submenus: Exit current submenu |
| <Page Up> | Increase the numeric value or make changes |
| <Page Down> | Decrease the numeric value or make changes |
| <F1> | Show descriptions of the function keys |
| <F2> | Move cursor to the Item Help block on the right (submenus only) |
| <F5> | Restore the previous BIOS settings for the current submenus |
| <F6> | Load the Fail-Safe BIOS default settings for the current submenus |
| <F7> | Load the Optimized BIOS default settings for the current submenus |
| <F8> | Access the Q-Flash utility |
| <F9> | Display system information |
| <F10> | Save all the changes and exit the BIOS Setup program |
| <F11> | Save CMOS to BIOS |
| <F12> | Load CMOS from BIOS |

**Main Menu Help**

The on-screen description of a highlighted setup option is displayed on the bottom line of the Main Menu.

**Submenu Help**

While in a submenu, press <F1> to display a help screen (General Help) of function keys available for the menu. Press <Esc> to exit the help screen. Help for each item is in the Item Help block on the right side of the submenu.

- If you do not find the settings you want in the Main Menu or a submenu, press <Ctrl>+<F1> to access more advanced options.
- When the system is not stable as usual, select the **Load Optimized Defaults** item to set your system to its defaults.
- The BIOS Setup menus described in this chapter are for reference only and may differ by BIOS version.

## ■ The Functions of the <F11> and <F12> keys (For the Main Menu Only)

▶ **F11: Save CMOS to BIOS**

This function allows you to save the current BIOS settings to a profile. You can create up to 8 profiles (Profile 1-8) and name each profile. First enter the profile name (to erase the default profile name, use the SPACE key) and then press <Enter> to complete.

▶ **F12: Load CMOS from BIOS**

If your system becomes unstable and you have loaded the BIOS default settings, you can use this function to load the BIOS settings from a profile created before, without the hassles of reconfiguring the BIOS settings. First select the profile you wish to load, then press <Enter> to complete.

## ■ MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)

Use this menu to configure the clock, frequency and voltages of your CPU, memory, etc.

## ■ Standard CMOS Features

Use this menu to configure the system time and date, hard drive types, floppy disk drive types, and the type of errors that stop the system boot, etc.

## ■ Advanced BIOS Features

Use this menu to configure the device boot order, advanced features available on the CPU, and the primary display adapter.

## ■ Advanced Chipset Features

Use this menu to configure advanced features available on the chipset.

## ■ Integrated Peripherals

Use this menu to configure all peripheral devices, such as IDE, SATA, USB, integrated audio, and integrated LAN, etc.

## ■ Power Management Setup

Use this menu to configure all the power-saving functions.

## ■ PnP/PCI Configurations

Use this menu to configure the system's PCI & PnP resources.

## ■ PC Health Status

Use this menu to see information about autodetected system/CPU temperature, system voltage and fan speed, etc.

## ■ Load Fail-Safe Defaults

Fail-Safe defaults are factory settings for the most stable, minimal-performance system operations.

## ■ Load Optimized Defaults

Optimized defaults are factory settings for optimal-performance system operations.

## ■ Set Supervisor Password

Change, set, or disable password. It allows you to restrict access to the system and BIOS Setup.
A supervisor password allows you to make changes in BIOS Setup.

## ■ Set User Password

Change, set, or disable password. It allows you to restrict access to the system and BIOS Setup.
A user password only allows you to view the BIOS settings but not to make changes.

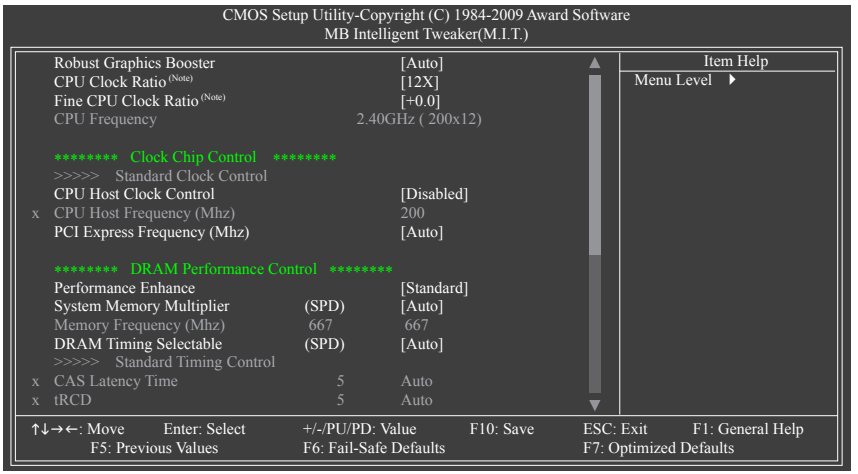
## ■ Save & Exit Setup

Save all the changes made in the BIOS Setup program to the CMOS and exit BIOS Setup. (Pressing <F10> can also carry out this task.)

## ■ Exit Without Saving

Abandon all changes and the previous settings remain in effect. Pressing <Y> to the confirmation message will exit BIOS Setup. (Pressing <Esc> can also carry out this task.)

# 2-3 MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)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MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)
Robust Graphics Booster [Auto]
CPU Clock Ratio (Note) [12X]
Fine CPU Clock Ratio (Note) [+0.0]
CPU Frequency 2.40GHz ( 200x12)
******** Clock Chip Control ********
>>>>> Standard Clock Control
CPU Host Clock Control [Disabled]
x CPU Host Frequency (Mhz) 200
PCI Express Frequency (Mhz) [Auto]
******** DRAM Performance Control ********
Performance Enhance [Standard]
System Memory Multiplier (SPD) [Auto]
Memory Frequency (Mhz) 667 667
DRAM Timing Selectable (SPD) [Auto]
>>>>> Standard Timing Control
x CAS Latency Time 5 Auto
x tRCD 5 Auto
Item Help
Menu Level
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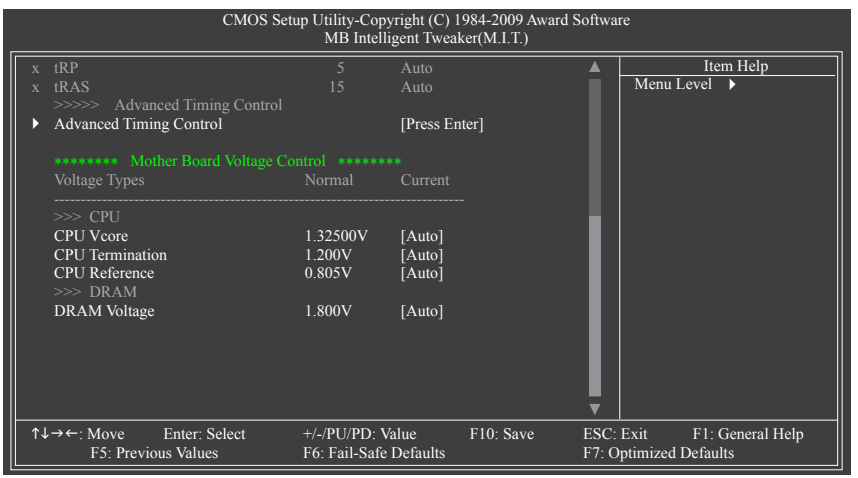
F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults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MB Intelligent Tweaker(M.I.T.)
x tRP 5 Auto
x tRAS 15 Auto
>>>>> Advanced Timing Control
Advanced Timing Control [Press Enter]
******** Mother Board Voltage Control ********
Voltage Types Normal Current
>>> CPU
CPU Vcore 1.32500V [Auto]
CPU Termination 1.200V [Auto]
CPU Reference 0.805V [Auto]
>>> DRAM
DRAM Voltage 1.800V [Auto]
Item Help
Menu Level
↑↓→←: Move Enter: Select +/-/PU/PD: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit F1: General Help
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Whether the system will work stably with the overclock/overvoltage settings you made is dependent on your overall system configurations. Incorrectly doing overclock/overvoltage may result in damage to CPU, chipset, or memory and reduce the useful life of these components. This page is for advanced users only and we recommend you not to alter the default settings to prevent system instability or other unexpected results. (Inadequately altering the settings may result in system's failure to boot. If this occurs, clear the CMOS values and reset the board to default values.)

(Note) This item appears only if you install a CPU that supports this feature.

### ☞ Robust Graphics Booster

Robust Graphics Booster (R.G.B.) helps to enhance the performance of the graphics chip and memory. **Auto** allows the BIOS to automatically set the R.G.B. mode based on system configurations. Options are: Auto (default), Fast, Turbo.

### ☞ CPU Clock Ratio (Note)

Allows you to alter the clock ratio for the installed CPU.

The item is present only if a CPU with unlocked clock ratio is installed.

### ☞ Fine CPU Clock Ratio (Note)

Allows you to increase clock ratio by 0.5 for the installed CPU.

The item is present only if a CPU with unlocked clock ratio is installed.

### ☞ CPU Frequency

Displays the current operating CPU frequency.

********** Clock Chip Control **********

**>>>>> Standard Clock Control**

### ☞ CPU Host Clock Control

Enables or disables the control of CPU host clock. **Enabled** will allow the **CPU Host Frequency** item below to be configurable. Note: If your system fails to boot after overclocking, please wait for 20 seconds to allow for automated system reboot, or clear the CMOS values to reset the board to default values. (Default: Disabled)

### ☞ CPU Host Frequency (Mhz)

Allows you to manually set the CPU host frequency. The adjustable range is from 100 MHz to 1200 MHz. This item is configurable only if the **CPU Host Clock Control** option is enabled.

For an 800 MHz FSB CPU, set this item to 200 MHz.

For a 1066 MHz FSB CPU, set this item to 266 MHz.

For a 1333 MHz FSB CPU, set this item to 333 MHz.

**Important:** It is highly recommended that the CPU frequency be set in accordance with the CPU specifications.

### ☞ PCI Express Frequency (Mhz)

Allows you to manually set the PCIe clock frequency. The adjustable range is from 90 MHz to 150 MHz. **Auto** sets the PCIe clock frequency to standard 100 MHz. (Default: Auto)

********** DRAM Performance Control **********

### ☞ Performance Enhance

Allows the system to operate at three different performance levels.

- ⏩ Standard — Lets the system operate at its basic performance level. (Default)
- ⏩ Turbo — Lets the system operate at its good performance level.
- ⏩ Extreme — Lets the system operate at its best performance level.

### ☞ System Memory Multiplier (SPD)

Allows you to set the system memory multiplier. Options are dependent on CPU FSB and the **(G)MCH Frequency Latch** settings. **Auto** sets memory multiplier according to memory SPD data. (Default: Auto)

(Note) This item appears only if you install a CPU that supports this feature.

### ☞ Memory Frequency (Mhz)

The first memory frequency value is the normal operating frequency of the memory being used; the second is the memory frequency that is automatically adjusted according to the **CPU Host Frequency (Mhz)** and **System Memory Multiplier** settings.

### ☞ DRAM Timing Selectable (SPD)

**Manual** allows all DRAM timing control items below to be configurable. Options are: Auto (default), Manual.

**>>>>> Standard Timing Control**

### ☞ CAS Latency Time

Options are: Auto (default), 3~7.

### ☞ tRCD

Options are: Auto (default), 1~15.

### ☞ tRP

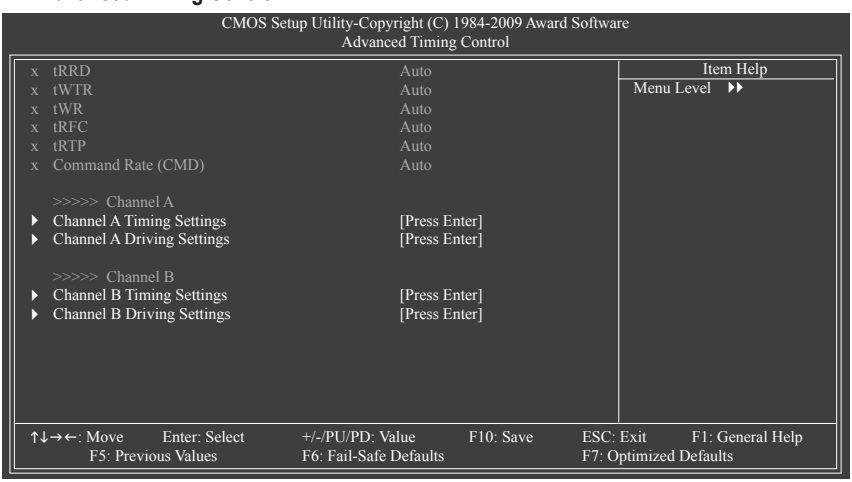
Options are: Auto (default), 1~15.

### ☞ tRAS

Options are: Auto (default), 1~63.

## >>>>> Advanced Timing Control

### ☞ Advanced Timing Control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Advanced Timing Control
x tRRD Auto
x tWTR Auto
x tWR Auto
x tRFC Auto
x tRTP Auto
x Command Rate (CMD) Auto
>>>>> Channel A
Channel A Timing Settings [Press Enter]
Channel A Driving Settings [Press Enter]
>>>>> Channel B
Channel B Timing Settings [Press Enter]
Channel B Driving Settings [Press Enter]
Item Help
Menu Level ▸▸
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### ☞ tRRD

Options are: Auto (default), 1~15.

### ☞ tWTR

Options are: Auto (default), 1~31.

### ☞ tWR

Options are: Auto (default), 1~31.

☞ **tRFC**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~255.

☞ **tRTP**

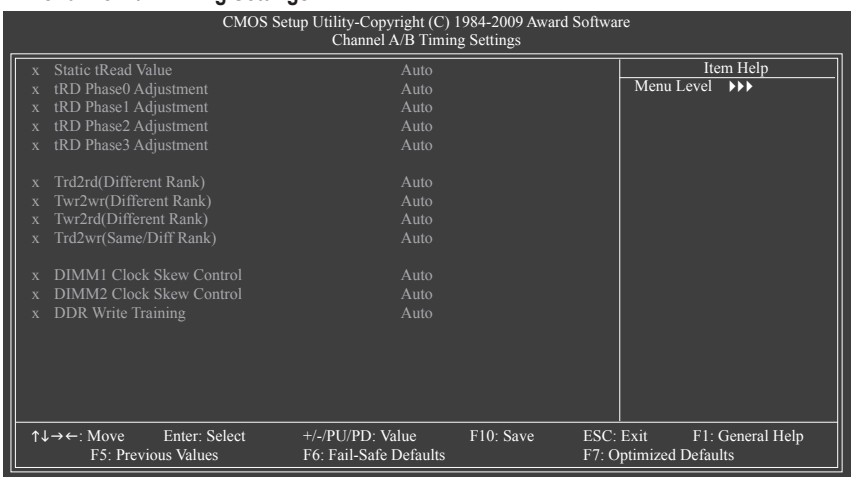
Options are: Auto (default), 1~15.

☞ **Command Rate(CMD)**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~3.

### >>>>> Channel A/B

☞ **Channel A/B Timing Settings**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x tRD Phase1 Adjustment Auto
x tRD Phase2 Adjustment Auto
x tRD Phase3 Adjustment Auto
x Trd2rd(Different Rank) Auto
x Twr2wr(Different Rank) Auto
x Twr2rd(Different Rank) Auto
x Trd2wr(Same/Diff Rank) Auto
x DIMM1 Clock Skew Control Auto
x DIMM2 Clock Skew Control Auto
x DDR Write Training Auto
↑↓→←: Move Enter: Select +/-/PU/PD: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit F1: General Help
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☞ **Static tRead Value**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~15.

☞ **tRD Phase0 Adjustment**

Options are: Auto (default), 0-Normal, 1-Advanced.

☞ **tRD Phase1 Adjustment**

Options are: Auto (default), 0-Normal, 1-Advanced.

☞ **tRD Phase2 Adjustment**

Options are: Auto (default), 0-Normal, 1-Advanced.

☞ **tRD Phase3 Adjustment**

Options are: Auto (default), 0-Normal, 1-Advanced.

☞ **Trd2rd(Different Rank)**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~15.

☞ **Twr2wr(Different Rank)**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~15.

☞ **Twr2rd(Different Rank)**

Options are: Auto (default), 1~15.

### ☞ Trd2wr(Same/Diff Rank)

Options are: Auto (default), 1~15.

### ☞ DIMM1 Clock Skew Control

Options are: Auto (default), +800ps~-700ps.

### ☞ DIMM2 Clock Skew Control

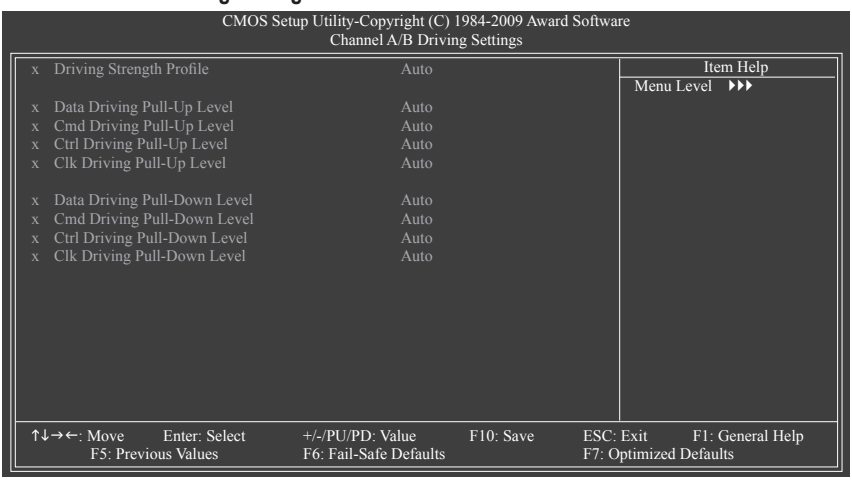
Options are: Auto (default), +800ps~-700ps.

### ☞ DDR Write Training

Allows you to determine whether to fine-tune memory parameters to enhance memory compatibility.

- ▸▸ Auto Lets the BIOS decide whether to enable this function. (Default)
- ▸▸ Enabled Enables this function to enhance memory compatibility.
- ▸▸ Disabled Disables this function.

### ☞ Channel A/B Driving Settings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Channel A/B Driving Settings
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### ☞ Driving Strength Profile

Options are: Auto (default), 667MHz, 800MHz, 1066MHz, OC-1200, OC-1333.

### ☞ Data Driving Pull-Up Level

Options are: Auto (default), +8~-7.

### ☞ Cmd Driving Pull-Up Level

Options are: Auto (default), +8~-7.

### ☞ Ctrl Driving Pull-Up Level

Options are: Auto (default), +8~-7.

### ☞ Clk Driving Pull-Up Level

Options are: Auto (default), +8~-7.

### ☞ Data Driving Pull-Down Level

Options are: Auto (default), +8~-7.

☞ **Cmd Driving Pull-Down Level**

Options are: Auto (default), +8~-7.

☞ **Ctrl Driving Pull-Down Level**

Options are: Auto (default), +8~-7.

☞ **Clk Driving Pull-Down Level**

Options are: Auto (default), +8~-7.

******** **Mother Board Voltage Control** ********

**>>> CPU**

☞ **CPU Vcore**

The default is **Auto**.

☞ **CPU Termination**

The default is **Auto**.

☞ **CPU PLL**

The default is **Auto**.

☞ **CPU Reference**

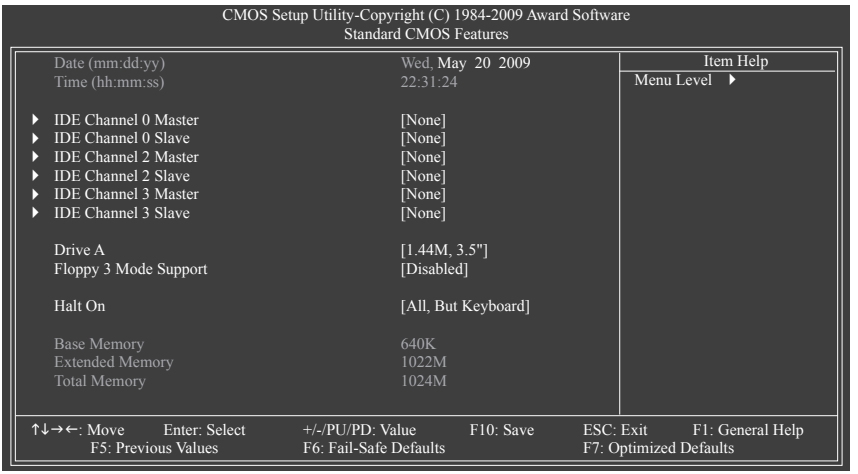
The default is **Auto**.

**>>> DRAM**

☞ **DRAM Voltage**

The default is **Auto**.

# 2-4 Standard CMOS Features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Standard CMOS Features
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Time (hh:mm:ss) 22:31:24
IDE Channel 0 Master [None]
IDE Channel 0 Slave [None]
IDE Channel 2 Master [None]
IDE Channel 2 Slave [None]
IDE Channel 3 Master [None]
IDE Channel 3 Slave [None]
Drive A [1.44M, 3.5"]
Floppy 3 Mode Support [Disabled]
Halt On [All, But Keyboard]
Base Memory 640K
Extended Memory 1022M
Total Memory 1024M
Item Help
Menu Level
↑↓→←: Move Enter: Select +/-/PU/PD: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit F1: General Help
F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults

### ☞ Date (mm:dd:yy)

Sets the system date. The date format is week (read-only), month, date and year. Select the desired field and use the up arrow or down arrow key to set the date.

### ☞ Time (hh:mm:ss)

Sets the system time. For example, 1 p.m. is 13:0:0. Select the desired field and use the up arrow or down arrow key to set the time.

### ☞ IDE Channel 0 Master/Slave

⏩ IDE HDD Auto-Detection

Press <Enter> to autodetect the parameters of the IDE/SATA device on this channel.

⏩ IDE Channel 0 Master/Slave

Configure your IDE/SATA devices by using one of the three methods below:

- Auto — Lets the BIOS automatically detect IDE/SATA devices during the POST. (Default)
- None — If no IDE/SATA devices are used, set this item to **None** so the system will skip the detection of the device during the POST for faster system startup.
- Manual — Allows you to manually enter the specifications of the hard drive when the hard drive access mode is set to **CHS**.

⏩ Access Mode — Sets the hard drive access mode. Options are: Auto (default), CHS, LBA, Large.

### ☞ IDE Channel 2, 3 Master/Slave

⏩ IDE Auto-Detection

Press <Enter> to autodetect the parameters of the IDE/SATA device on this channel.

⏩ Extended IDE Drive

Configure your IDE/SATA devices by using one of the two methods below:

- Auto — Lets the BIOS automatically detect IDE/SATA devices during the POST. (Default)
- None — If no IDE/SATA devices are used, set this item to **None** so the system will skip the detection of the device during the POST for faster system startup.

⏩ Access Mode — Sets the hard drive access mode. Options are: Auto (default), Large.

The following fields display your hard drive specifications. If you wish to enter the parameters manually, refer to the information on the hard drive.

- Capacity — Approximate capacity of the currently installed hard drive.
- Cylinder — Number of cylinders.
- Head — Number of heads.
- Precomp — Write precompensation cylinder.
- Landing Zone — Landing zone.
- Sector — Number of sectors.

### Drive A

Allows you to select the type of floppy disk drive installed in your system. If you do not install a floppy disk drive, set this item to **None**. Options are: None, 360K/5.25", 1.2M/5.25", 720K/3.5", 1.44M/3.5", 2.88M/3.5".

### Floppy 3 Mode Support

Allows you to specify whether the installed floppy disk drive is 3-mode floppy disk drive, a Japanese standard floppy disk drive. Options are: Disabled (default), Drive A.

### Halt On

Allows you to determine whether the system will stop for an error during the POST.

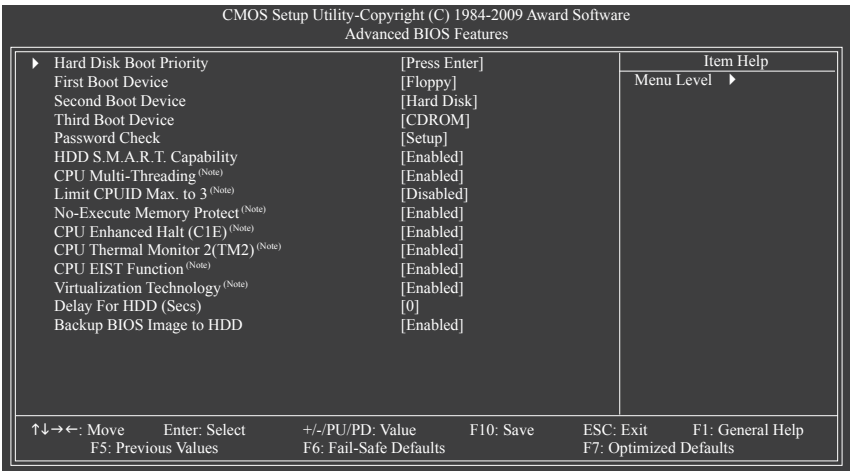
- All Errors — Whenever the BIOS detects a non-fatal error the system boot will stop.
- No Errors — The system boot will not stop for any error.
- All, But Keyboard — The system boot will not stop for a keyboard error but stop for all other errors. (Default)
- All, But Diskette — The system boot will not stop for a floppy disk drive error but stop for all other errors.
- All, But Disk/Key — The system boot will not stop for a keyboard or a floppy disk drive error but it will stop for all other errors.

### Memory

These fields are read-only and are determined by the BIOS POST.

- Base Memory — Also called conventional memory. Typically, 640 KB will be reserved for the MS-DOS operating system.
- Extended Memory — The amount of extended memory.
- Total Memory — The total amount of memory installed on the system.

# 2-5 Advanced BIOS Features


CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2009 Award Software
Advanced BIOS Features
Hard Disk Boot Priority [Press Enter]
First Boot Device [Floppy]
Second Boot Device [Hard Disk]
Third Boot Device [CDROM]
Password Check [Setup]
HDD S.M.A.R.T. Capability [Enabled]
CPU Multi-Threading (Note) [Enabled]
Limit CPUID Max. to 3 (Note) [Disabled]
No-Execute Memory Protect (Note) [Enabled]
CPU Enhanced Halt (C1E) (Note) [Enabled]
CPU Thermal Monitor 2(TM2) (Note) [Enabled]
CPU EIST Function (Note) [Enabled]
Virtualization Technology (Note) [Enabled]
Delay For HDD (Secs) [0]
Backup BIOS Image to HDD [Enabled]
Item Help
Menu Level
↑↓→←: Move Enter: Select +/-/PU/PD: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit F1: General Help
F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults

### ☞ Hard Disk Boot Priority

Specifies the sequence of loading the operating system from the installed hard drives. Use the up or down arrow key to select a hard drive, then press the plus key <+> (or <PageUp>) or the minus key <-> (or <PageDown>) to move it up or down on the list. Press <Esc> to exit this menu when finished.

### ☞ First/Second/Third Boot Device

Specifies the boot order from the available devices. Use the up or down arrow key to select a device and press <Enter> to accept. Options are: Floppy, LS120, Hard Disk, CDROM, ZIP, USB-FDD, USB-ZIP, USB-CDROM, USB-HDD, Legacy LAN, Disabled.

### ☞ Password Check

Specifies whether a password is required every time the system boots, or only when you enter BIOS Setup. After configuring this item, set the password(s) under the **Set Supervisor/User Password** item in the BIOS Main Menu.

- Setup — A password is only required for entering the BIOS Setup program. (Default)
- System — A password is required for booting the system and for entering the BIOS Setup program.

### ☞ HDD S.M.A.R.T. Capability

Enables or disables the S.M.A.R.T. (Self Monitoring and Reporting Technology) capability of your hard drive. This feature allows your system to report read/write errors of the hard drive and to issue warnings when a third party hardware monitor utility is installed. (Default: Enabled)

(Note) This item is present only if you install a CPU that supports this feature. For more information about Intel CPUs' unique features, please visit Intel's website.

☞ **CPU Multi-Threading** (Note)

Allows you to determine whether to enable all CPU cores and multi-threading function when using an Intel CPU that supports multi-core technology. This feature only works for operating systems that support multi-processor mode.

- ⏩ Enabled — Enables all CPU cores and multi-threading capability. (Default)
- ⏩ Disabled — Enables only one CPU core.

☞ **Limit CPUID Max. to 3** (Note)

Allows you to determine whether to limit CPUID maximum value. Set this item to **Disabled** for Windows XP operating system; set this item to **Enabled** for legacy operating system such as Windows NT4.0. (Default: Disabled)

☞ **No-Execute Memory Protect** (Note)

Enables or disables Intel Execute Disable Bit function. This function may enhance protection for the computer, reducing exposure to viruses and malicious buffer overflow attacks when working with its supporting software and system. (Default: Enabled)

☞ **CPU Enhanced Halt (C1E)** (Note)

Enables or disables Intel CPU Enhanced Halt (C1E) function, a CPU power-saving function in system halt state. When enabled, the CPU core frequency and voltage will be reduced during system halt state to decrease power consumption. (Default: Enabled)

☞ **CPU Thermal Monitor 2 (TM2)** (Note)

Enables or disables Intel CPU Thermal Monitor (TM2) function, a CPU overheating protection function. When enabled, the CPU core frequency and voltage will be reduced when the CPU is overheated. (Default: Enabled)

☞ **CPU EIST Function** (Note)

Enables or disables Enhanced Intel SpeedStep Technology (EIST). Depending on CPU loading, Intel EIST technology can dynamically and effectively lower the CPU voltage and core frequency to decrease average power consumption and heat production. (Default: Enabled)

☞ **Virtualization Technology** (Note)

Enables or disables Intel Virtualization Technology. Virtualization enhanced by Intel Virtualization Technology will allow a platform to run multiple operating systems and applications in independent partitions. With virtualization, one computer system can function as multiple virtual systems. (Default: Enabled)

☞ **Delay For HDD (Secs)**

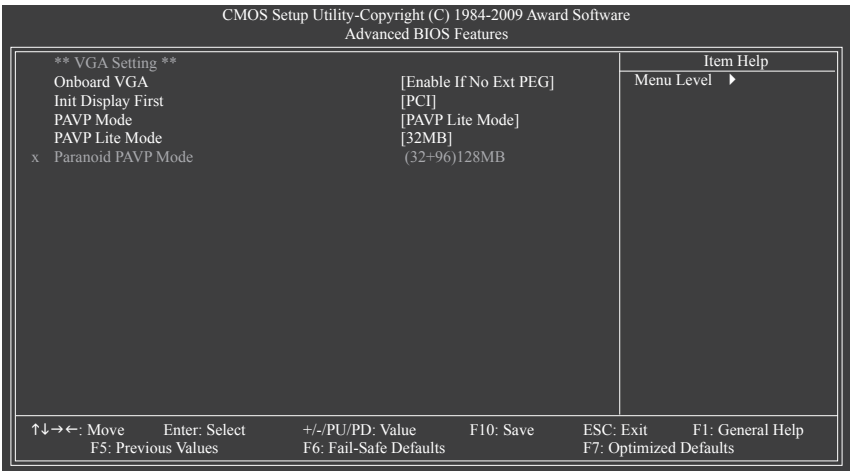
Allows you to set a delay time for the BIOS to initialize the hard drive as the system boots up. The adjustable range is from 0 to 15 seconds. (Default: 0)

☞ **Backup BIOS Image to HDD**

Allows the system to copy the BIOS image file to the hard drive. If the system BIOS is corrupted, it will be recovered from this image file. (Default: Enabled)

(Note) This item is present only if you install a CPU that supports this feature. For more information about Intel CPUs' unique features, please visit Intel's website.

# 2-6 Advanced Chipset Features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Advanced BIOS Features
** VGA Setting **
Onboard VGA [Enable If No Ext PEG]
Init Display First [PCI]
PAVP Mode [PAVP Lite Mode]
PAVP Lite Mode [32MB]
x Paranoid PAVP Mode (32+96)128MB
Item Help
Menu Level
↑↓→←: Move Enter: Select +/-/PU/PD: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit F1: General Help
F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults

### ☞ Onboard VGA

Enables or disables the onboard VGA function.

⏩ Enable If No Ext PEG

Activates the onboard VGA only if no PCI Express VGA card is installed. (Default)

⏩ Always Enable

Always activates the onboard VGA, whether or not a PCI Express card is installed. If you wish to set up a dual view configuration, set this item to **Always Enable**.

### ☞ Init Display First

Specifies the first initiation of the monitor display from the installed PCI graphics card, PCI Express graphics card or the onboard VGA.

⏩ PCI Sets the PCI graphics card as the first display. (Default)

⏩ Onboard Sets the onboard VGA as the first display.

⏩ PEG Sets the PCI Express graphics card as the first display.

### ☞ PAVP Mode

Enables or disables PAVP mode. Enable this function if you wish to playback HDCP contents. PAVP mode can support increased content protection and robustness requirements for premium content playback (e.g. Blu-ray disc).

⏩ Disabled Disables this function.

⏩ PAVP Lite Mode Specifies the buffer memory size for the encryption of compressed video. (Default)

⏩ Paranoid PAVP Reserves 96 MB of system memory during boot. This memory is not seen by the operating system and not available to any user application. Aero (DWM) in Windows Vista will always be turned off in this mode.

### ☞ PAVP Lite Mode

This item is configurable only if the **PAVP Mode** option is set to **PAVP Lite Mode**.

Options are: 32MB (default), 48MB, 64MB, 128MB and 256MB.

### ☞ Paranoid PAVP Mode

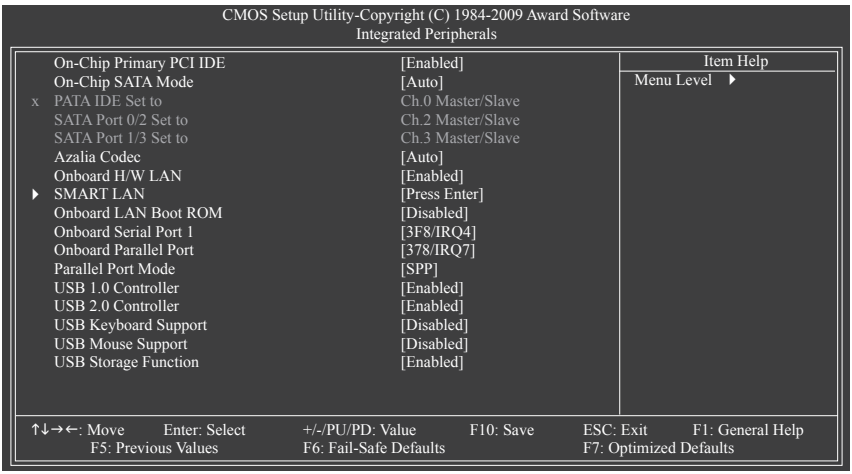
This item is configurable only if the **PAVP Mode** option is set to **Paranoid PAVP**.

Options are: (32+96)128MB (default), (48+96) Round to 160MB, (64+96)160MB, (128+96)224MB and (256+96)352MB.

The table below shows the supported features of the PAVP Lite and Paranoid modes.

| Feature | PAVP Lite | PAVP Paranoid |
|---|---|---|
| Compressed video buffer is encrypted | Yes | Yes |
| Hardware 128-bit AES decryption | Yes | Yes |
| Protected memory<br>(96 MB reserved during boot) | No | Yes |

# 2-7 Integrated Peripherals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Integrated Peripherals
On-Chip Primary PCI IDE [Enabled]
On-Chip SATA Mode [Auto]
x PATA IDE Set to Ch.0 Master/Slave
SATA Port 0/2 Set to Ch.2 Master/Slave
SATA Port 1/3 Set to Ch.3 Master/Slave
Azalia Codec [Auto]
Onboard H/W LAN [Enabled]
SMART LAN [Press Enter]
Onboard LAN Boot ROM [Disabled]
Onboard Serial Port 1 [3F8/IRQ4]
Onboard Parallel Port [378/IRQ7]
Parallel Port Mode [SPP]
USB 1.0 Controller [Enabled]
USB 2.0 Controller [Enabled]
USB Keyboard Support [Disabled]
USB Mouse Support [Disabled]
USB Storage Function [Enabled]
Item Help
Menu Level
↑↓→←: Move Enter: Select +/-/PU/PD: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit F1: General Help
F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults

### ☞ On-Chip Primary PCI IDE

Enables or disables the first integrated IDE controller. (Default: Enabled)

### ☞ On-Chip SATA Mode

Configures the integrated SATA controller.

- ⏩ Disabled — Disables the integrated SATA controller.
- ⏩ Auto — Lets BIOS set SATA devices to **Combined** or **Enhanced mode**. If your onboard SATA controller is automatically configured to **Combined** mode, you can manually re-configure it to **Enhanced** mode as needed. (Default)
- ⏩ Combined — Sets all SATA devices to operate in PATA mode. **Combined** allows a maximum of 4 ATA devices to be used simultaneously: two PATA devices plus two SATA devices.
- ⏩ Enhanced — Sets all SATA devices to operate in SATA mode.
- ⏩ Non-Combined — Sets all SATA devices to operate in PATA mode and disables the integrated IDE controller.

### ☞ PATA IDE Set to

This item is configurable only if the **On-Chip SATA Mode** is set to **Combined**.

- ⏩ Ch.0 Master/Slave — Sets the IDE channels to Ch. 0 Master/Slave. (Default)
- ⏩ Ch.1 Master/Slave — Sets the IDE channels to Ch. 1 Master/Slave.
- ⏩ Disabled — Disables the integrated IDE controller when **Non-Combined** is selected.

### ☞ SATA Port 0/2 Set to

This value is dependent on the **On-Chip SATA Mode** and **PATA IDE Set to** settings.

When **PATA IDE Set to** is configured to **Ch. 1 Master/Slave**, this option will be automatically set to **Ch. 0 Master/Slave**.

### ☞ SATA Port 1/3 Set to

This value is dependent on the **On-Chip SATA Mode** and **PATA IDE Set to** settings.

When **PATA IDE Set to** is configured to **Ch. 0 Master/Slave**, this option will be automatically set to **Ch. 1 Master/Slave**.

### ☞ Azalia Codec

Enables or disables the onboard audio function. (Default: Auto)

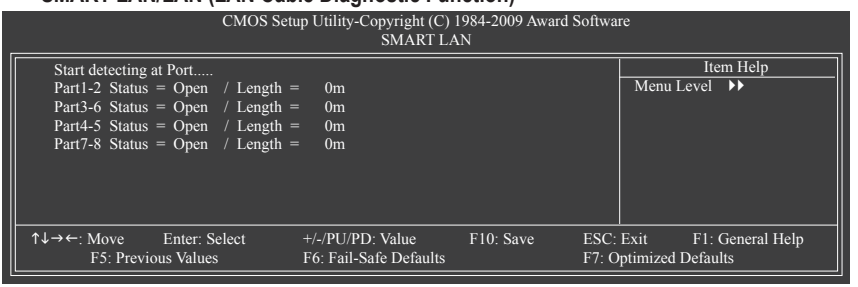
If you wish to install a 3rd party add-in audio card instead of using the onboard audio, set this item to **Disabled**.

### ☞ Onboard H/W LAN

Enables or disables the onboard LAN function. (Default: Enabled)

If you wish to install a 3rd party add-in network card instead of using the onboard LAN, set this item to **Disabled**.

### ☞ SMART LAN/LAN (LAN Cable Diagnostic Function)


CMOS Setup Utility-Copyright (C) 1984-2009 Award Software
SMART LAN
Start detecting at Port.....
Part1-2 Status = Open / Length = 0m
Part3-6 Status = Open / Length = 0m
Part4-5 Status = Open / Length = 0m
Part7-8 Status = Open / Length = 0m
Item Help
Menu Level ▸▸
↑↓→←: Move
Enter: Select
+/-/PU/PD: Value
F10: Save
ESC: Exit
F1: General Help
F5: Previous Values
F6: Fail-Safe Defaults
F7: Optimized Defaults

This motherboard incorporates cable diagnostic feature designed to detect the status of the attached LAN cable. This feature will detect cabling issue and report the approximate distance to the fault or short. Refer to the following information for diagnosing your LAN cable:

☞ **When No LAN Cable Is Attached...**

If no LAN cable is attached to the motherboard, the **Status** fields of all four pairs of wires will show **Open** and the **Length** fields show **0m**, as shown in the figure above.

☞ **When LAN Cable Is Functioning Normally...**

If no cable problem is detected on the LAN cable connected to a Gigabit hub or a 10/100 Mbps hub, the following message will appear:

▸▸ Link Detected Displays transmission speed.

▸▸ Cable Length Displays the approximate length of the attached LAN cable.

Note: The Gigabit hub will only operate at a speed of 10/100 Mbps in MS-DOS mode; it will operate at a normal speed of 10/100/1000 Mbps in Windows mode or when the LAN Boot ROM is activated.

☞ **When a Cable Problem Occurs...**

If a cable problem occurs on a specified pair of wires, the **Status** field will show **Short** and then length shown will be the approximate distance to the fault or short.

Example: `Part1-2 Status = Short / Length = 2m`

Explanation: A fault or short might occur at about 2m on Part 1-2.

Note: Part 4-5 and Part 7-8 are not used in a 10/100 Mbps environment, so their **Status** fields will show **Open**, and the length shown is the approximate length of the attached LAN cable.

### ☞ Onboard LAN Boot ROM

Allows you to decide whether to activate the boot ROM integrated with the onboard LAN chip. (Default: Disabled)

### ☞ Onboard Serial Port 1

Enables or disables the first serial port and specifies its base I/O address and corresponding interrupt. Options are: Auto, 3F8/IRQ4 (default), 2F8/IRQ3, 3E8/IRQ4, 2E8/IRQ3, Disabled.

### ☞ Onboard Parallel Port

Enables or disables the onboard parallel port (LPT) and specifies its base I/O address and corresponding interrupt. Options are: 378/IRQ7 (default), 278/IRQ5, 3BC/IRQ7, Disabled.

### ☞ Parallel Port Mode

Selects an operating mode for the onboard parallel (LPT) port. Options are: SPP (Standard Parallel Port) (default), EPP (Enhanced Parallel Port), ECP (Extended Capabilities Port), ECP+EPP.

### ☞ USB 1.0 Controller

Enables or disables the integrated USB 1.0 controller. (Default: Enabled)

**Disabled** will turn off all of the USB functionalities below.

### ☞ USB 2.0 Controller

Enables or disables the integrated USB 2.0 controller. (Default: Enabled)

### ☞ USB Keyboard Function

Allows USB keyboard to be used in MS-DOS. (Default: Disabled)

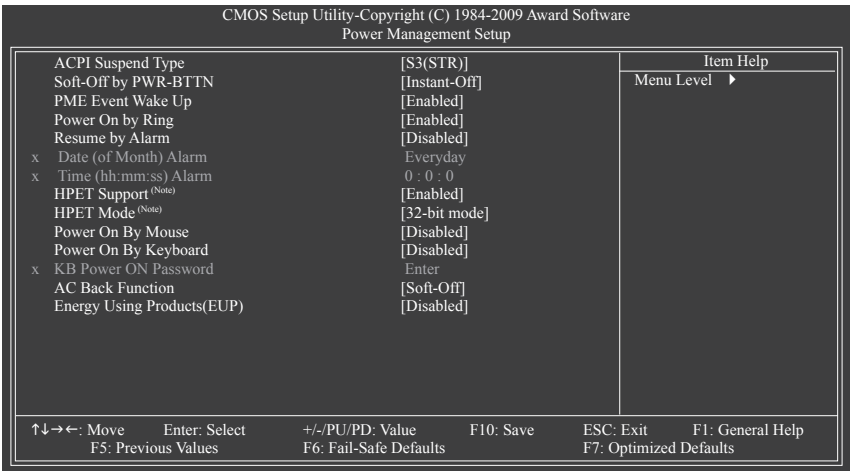
### ☞ USB Mouse Function

Allows USB mouse to be used in MS-DOS. (Default: Disabled)

### ☞ USB Storage Function

Determines whether to detect USB storage devices, including USB flash drives and USB hard drives during the POST. (Default: Enabled)

# 2-8 Power Management Setup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Power Management Setup
ACPI Suspend Type [S3(STR)]
Soft-Off by PWR-BTTN [Instant-Off]
PME Event Wake Up [Enabled]
Power On by Ring [Enabled]
Resume by Alarm [Disabled]
x Date (of Month) Alarm Everyday
x Time (hh:mm:ss) Alarm 0 : 0 : 0
HPET Support (Note) [Enabled]
HPET Mode (Note) [32-bit mode]
Power On By Mouse [Disabled]
Power On By Keyboard [Disabled]
x KB Power ON Password Enter
AC Back Function [Soft-Off]
Energy Using Products(EUP) [Disabled]
Item Help
Menu Level
↑↓→←: Move Enter: Select +/-/PU/PD: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit F1: General Help
F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults

### ☞ ACPI Suspend Type

Specifies the ACPI sleep state when the system enters suspend.

- ⏩ S1(POS) Enables the system to enter the ACPI S1 (Power on Suspend) sleep state. In S1 sleep state, the system appears suspended and stays in a low power mode. The system can be resumed at any time.
- ⏩ S3(STR) Enables the system to enter the ACPI S3 (Suspend to RAM) sleep state (default). In S3 sleep state, the system appears to be off and consumes less power than in the S1 state. When signaled by a wake-up device or event, the system resumes to its working state exactly where it was left off.

### ☞ Soft-Off by PWR-BTTN

Configures the way to turn off the computer in MS-DOS mode using the power button.

- ⏩ Instant-Off Press the power button and then the system will be turned off instantly. (Default)
- ⏩ Delay 4 Sec. Press and hold the power button for 4 seconds to turn off the system. If the power button is pressed for less than 4 seconds, the system will enter suspend mode.

### ☞ PME Event Wake Up

Allows the system to be awakened from an ACPI sleep state by a wake-up signal from a PCI or PCIe device. Note: To use this function, you need an ATX power supply providing at least 1A on the +5VSB lead. (Default: Enabled)

### ☞ Power On by Ring

Allows the system to be awakened from an ACPI sleep state by a wake-up signal from a modem that supports wake-up function. (Default: Enabled)

(Note) Supported on Windows Vista operating system only.

### ☞ Resume by Alarm

Determines whether to power on the system at a desired time. (Default: Disabled)

If enabled, set the date and time as following:

⏩ Date (of Month) Alarm: Turn on the system at a specific time on each day or on a specific day in a month.

⏩ Time (hh: mm: ss) Alarm: Set the time at which the system will be powered on automatically.

Note: When using this function, avoid inadequate shutdown from the operating system or removal of the AC power, or the settings may not be effective.

### ☞ HPET Support (Note)

Enables or disables High Precision Event Timer (HPET) for Windows Vista operating system. (Default: Enabled)

### ☞ HPET Mode (Note)

Allows you to select the HPET mode for your Windows Vista operating system. Select **32-bit mode** when you install 32-bit Windows Vista; select **64-bit mode** when you install 64-bit Windows Vista. This item is configurable only if the **HPET Support** is set to **Enabled**. (Default: 32-bit mode)

### ☞ Power On By Mouse

Allows the system to be turned on by a PS/2 mouse wake-up event.

Note: To use this function, you need an ATX power supply providing at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.

⏩ Disabled Disables this function. (Default)

⏩ Double Click Double click on left button on the PS/2 mouse to turn on the system.

### ☞ Power On By Keyboard

Allows the system to be turned on by a PS/2 keyboard wake-up event.

Note: you need an ATX power supply providing at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.

⏩ Disabled Disables this function. (Default)

⏩ Password Set a password with 1~5 characters to turn on the system.

⏩ Keyboard 98 Press POWER button on the Windows 98 keyboard to turn on the system.

### ☞ KB Power ON Password

Set the password when **Power On by Keyboard** is set to **Password**. Press <Enter> on this item and set a password with up to 5 characters and then press <Enter> to accept. To turn on the system, enter the password and press <Enter>.

Note: To cancel the password, press <Enter> on this item. When prompted for the password, press <Enter> again without entering the password to clear the password settings.

### ☞ AC Back Function

Determines the state of the system after the return of power from an AC power loss.

⏩ Soft-Off The system stays off upon the return of the AC power. (Default)

⏩ Full-On The system is turned on upon the return of the AC power.

⏩ Memory The system returns to its last known awake state upon the return of the AC power.

### ☞ Energy Using Products (EUP)

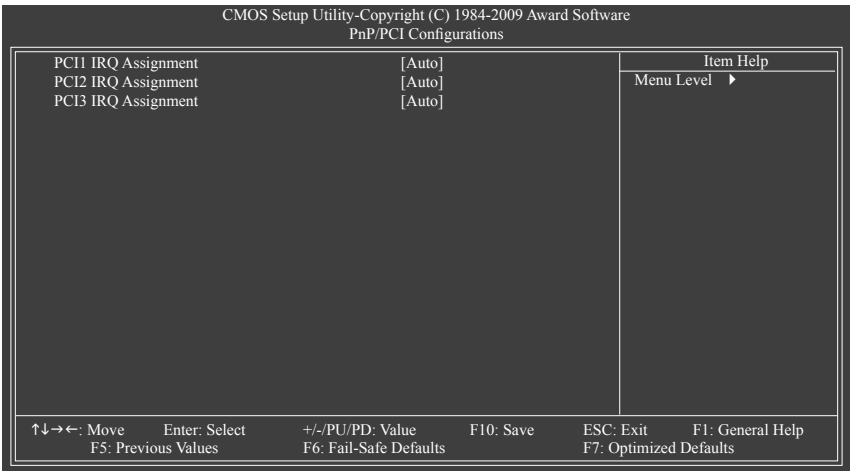
Determines whether to let the system consume less than 1W power in S5 (shutdown) state. (Default: Disabled)

Note: When this item is set to Enabled, the following four functions will become unavailable:

PME event wake up, power on by mouse, power on by keyboard, and wake on LAN.

(Note) Supported on Windows Vista operating system only.

# 2-9 PnP/PCI Configurations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PnP/PCI Configurations
PCI1 IRQ Assignment [Auto]
PCI2 IRQ Assignment [Auto]
PCI3 IRQ Assignment [Auto]
Item Help
Menu Level
↑↓→←: Move Enter: Select +/-/PU/PD: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit F1: General Help
F5: Previous Values F6: Fail-Safe Defaults F7: Optimized Defaults

☞ **PCI1 IRQ Assignment**

- ⏩ Auto — BIOS auto-assigns IRQ to the first PCI slot. (Default)
- ⏩ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 — Assigns IRQ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 to the first PCI slot.

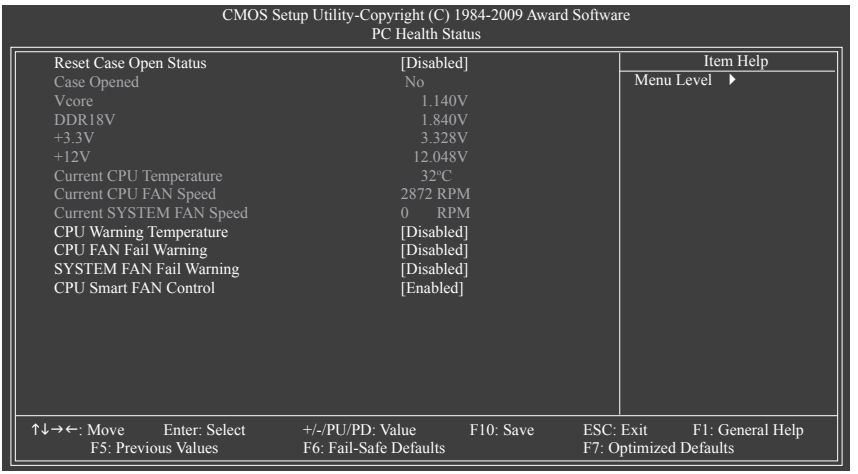
☞ **PCI2 IRQ Assignment**

- ⏩ Auto — BIOS auto-assigns IRQ to the second PCI slot. (Default)
- ⏩ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 — Assigns IRQ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 to the second PCI slot.

☞ **PCI3 IRQ Assignment**

- ⏩ Auto — BIOS auto-assigns IRQ to the third PCI slot. (Default)
- ⏩ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 — Assigns IRQ 3,4,5,7,9,10,11,12,14,15 to the third PCI slot.

## 2-10 PC Health Status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PC Health Status
Reset Case Open Status [Disabled]
Case Opened No
Vcore 1.140V
DDR18V 1.840V
+3.3V 3.328V
+12V 12.048V
Current CPU Temperature 32°C
Current CPU FAN Speed 2872 RPM
Current SYSTEM FAN Speed 0 RPM
CPU Warning Temperature [Disabled]
CPU FAN Fail Warning [Disabled]
SYSTEM FAN Fail Warning [Disabled]
CPU Smart FAN Control [Enabled]
Item Help
Menu Level ▸
↑↓→←: Move Enter: Select +/-/PU/PD: Value F10: Save ESC: Exit F1: General Help
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☞ **Reset Case Open Status**

Keeps or clears the record of previous chassis intrusion status. **Enabled** clears the record of previous chassis intrusion status and the **Case Opened** field will show "No" at next boot. (Default: Disabled)

☞ **Case Opened**

Displays the detection status of the chassis intrusion detection device attached to the motherboard CI header. If the system chassis cover is removed, this field will show "Yes", otherwise it will show "No". To clear the chassis intrusion status record, set **Reset Case Open Status** to **Enabled**, save the settings to the CMOS, and then restart your system.

☞ **Current Voltage(V) Vcore/DDR18V/+3.3V/+12V**

Displays the current system voltages.

☞ **Current CPU Temperature**

Displays current CPU temperature.

☞ **Current CPU/SYSTEM FAN Speed (RPM)**

Displays current CPU/system fan speed.

☞ **CPU Warning Temperature**

Sets the warning threshold for CPU temperature. When CPU temperature exceeds the threshold, BIOS will emit warning sound. Options are: Disabled (default), 60°C/140°F, 70°C/158°F, 80°C/176°F, 90°C/194°F.

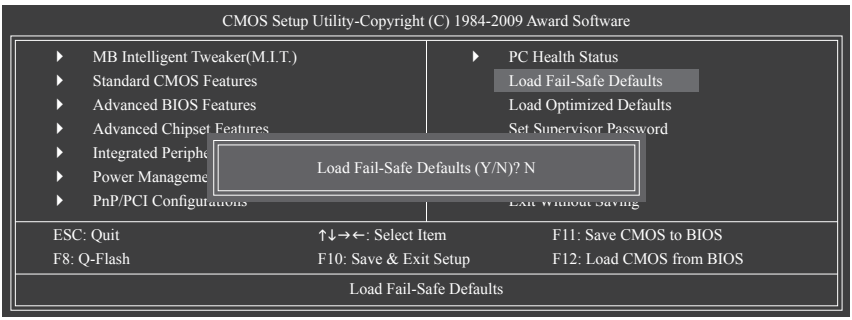
☞ **CPU/SYSTEM FAN Fail Warning**

Allows the system to emit warning sound if the CPU/system/power fan is not connected or fails. Check the fan condition or fan connection when this occurs. (Default: Disabled)

☞ **CPU Smart FAN Control**

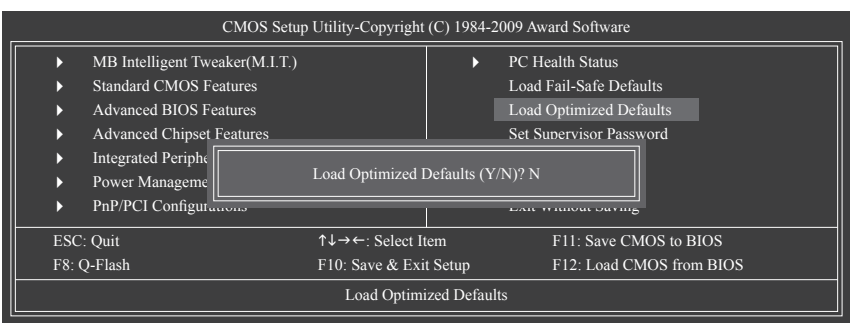
Enables or disables the CPU fan speed control function. **Enabled** allows the CPU fan to run at different speed according to the CPU temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on system requirements. If disabled, CPU fan runs at full speed. (Default: Enabled)

## 2-11 Load Fail-Safe Defaults



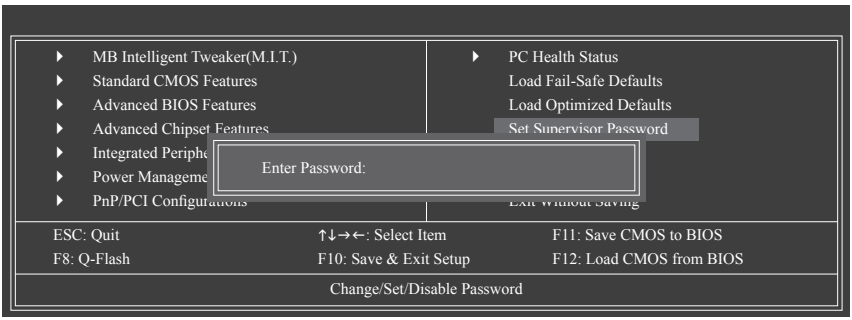

Press <Enter> on this item and then press the <Y> key to load the safest BIOS default settings.
In case system instability occurs, you may try to load Fail-Safe defaults, which are the safest and most stable BIOS settings for the motherboard.

## 2-12 Load Optimized Defaults




Press <Enter> on this item and then press the <Y> key to load the optimal BIOS default settings.
The BIOS defaults settings help the system to operate in optimum state. Always load the Optimized defaults after updating the BIOS or after clearing the CMOS values.

## 2-13 Set Supervisor/User Password




Press <Enter> on this item and type the password with up to 8 characters and then press <Enter>. You will be requested to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>.

The BIOS Setup program allows you to specify two separate passwords:

☞ **Supervisor Password**

When a system password is set and the **Password Check** item in **Advanced BIOS Features** is set to **Setup**, you must enter the supervisor password for entering BIOS Setup and making BIOS changes.

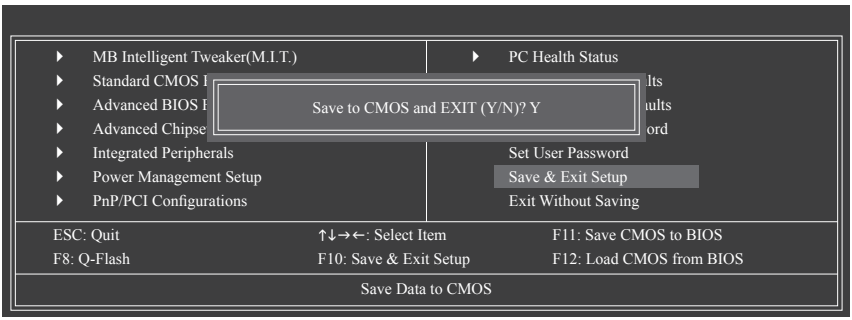
When the **Password Check** item is set to **System**, you must enter the supervisor password (or user password) at system startup and when entering BIOS Setup.

☞ **User Password**

When the **Password Check** item is set to **System**, you must enter the supervisor password (or user password) at system startup to continue system boot. In BIOS Setup, you must enter the supervisor password if you wish to make changes to BIOS settings. The user password only allows you to view the BIOS settings but not to make changes.

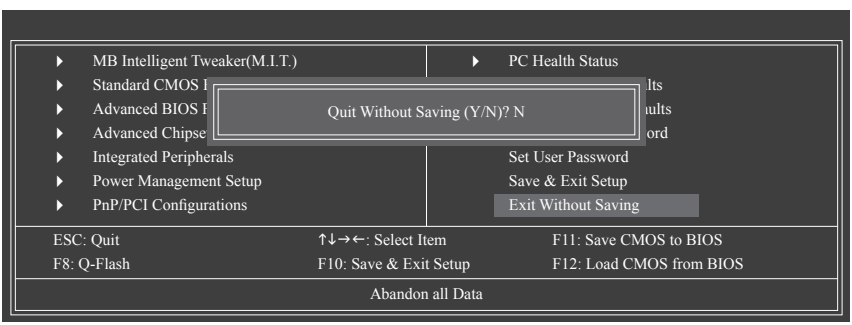
To clear the password, press <Enter> on the password item and when requested for the password, press <Enter> again. The message "PASSWORD DISABLED" will appear, indicating the password has been cancelled.

## 2-14 Save & Exit Setup




Press <Enter> on this item and press the <Y> key. This saves the changes to the CMOS and exits the BIOS Setup program. Press <N> or <Esc> to return to the BIOS Setup Main Menu.

## 2-15 Exit Without Saving



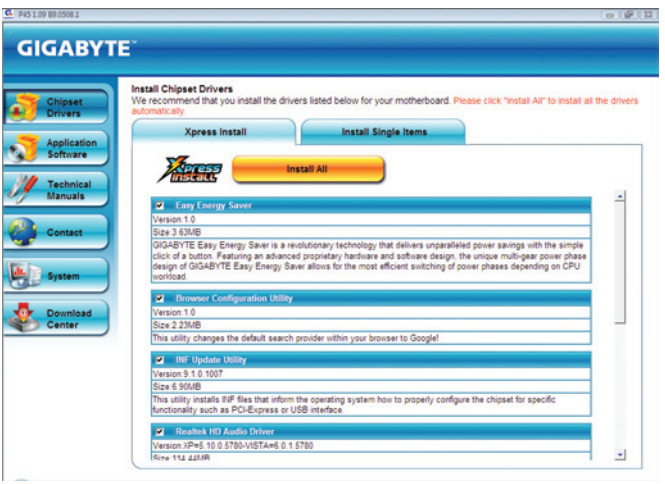

Press <Enter> on this item and press the <Y> key. This exits the BIOS Setup without saving the changes made in BIOS Setup to the CMOS. Press <N> or <Esc> to return to the BIOS Setup Main Menu.

# Chapter 3 Drivers Installation

- Before installing the drivers, first install the operating system.
- After installing the operating system, insert the motherboard driver disk into your optical drive. The driver Autorun screen is automatically displayed which looks like that shown in the screen shot below. (If the driver Autorun screen does not appear automatically, go to My Computer, double-click the optical drive and execute the **Run**.exe program.)

## 3-1 Installing Chipset Drivers

After inserting the driver disk, "Xpress Install" will automatically scan your system and then list all the drivers that are recommended to install. You can click the **Install All** button and "Xpress Install" will install all the recommended drivers. Or click **Install Single Items** to manually select the drivers you wish to install.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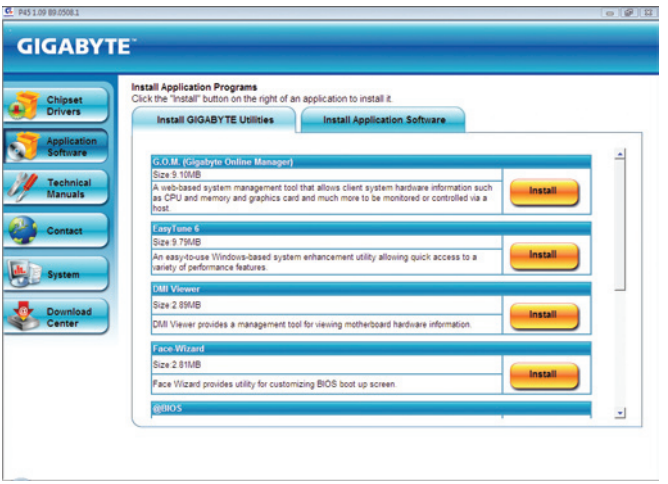
System
Download Center
Install Chipset Drivers
We recommend that you install the drivers listed below for your motherboard. Please click "Install All" to install all the drivers automatically.
Xpress Install
Install Single Items
Install All
Easy Energy Saver
Version: 1.0
Size: 3.63MB
GIGABYTE Easy Energy Saver is a revolutionary technology that delivers unparalleled power savings with the simple click of a button. Featuring an advanced proprietary hardware and software design, the unique multi-gear power phase design of GIGABYTE Easy Energy Saver allows for the most efficient switching of power phases depending on CPU workload.
Browser Configuration Utility
Version: 1.0
Size: 2.23MB
This utility changes the default search provider within your browser to Google!
INF Update Utility
Version: 9.1.0.1007
Size: 6.90MB
This utility installs INF files that inform the operating system how to properly configure the chipset for specific functionality such as PCI-Express or USB interface.
Realtek HD Audio Driver

- Please ignore the popup dialog box(es) (e.g. the **Found New Hardware Wizard**) displayed when "Xpress Install" is installing the drivers. Failure to do so may affect the driver installation.
- Some device drivers will restart your system automatically during the driver installation. After the system restart, "Xpress Install" will continue to install other drivers.
- After the drivers are installed, follow the on-screen instructions to restart your system. You can install other applications included in the motherboard driver disk.
- For USB 2.0 driver support under the Windows XP operating system, please install the Windows XP Service Pack 1 or later. After installing the SP1 (or later), if a question mark still exists in **Universal Serial Bus Controller** in **Device Manager**, please remove the question mark (by right-clicking your mouse and select **Uninstall**) and restart the system. (The system will then autodetect and install the USB 2.0 driver.)

## 3-2 Application Software

This page displays all the utilities and applications that GIGABYTE develops and some free software. You can click the **Install** button on the right of an item to install it.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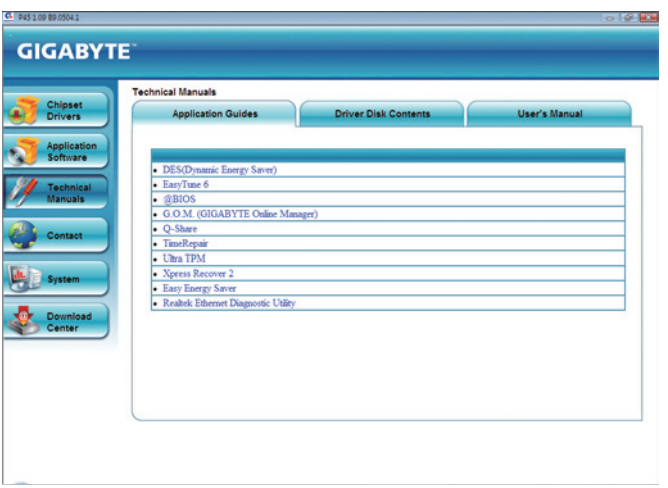
Install Application Programs
Click the "Install" button on the right of an application to install it.
Install GIGABYTE Utilities
Install Application Software
G.O.M. (Gigabyte Online Manager)
Size:9.10MB
A web-based system management tool that allows client system hardware information such as CPU and memory and graphics card and much more to be monitored or controlled via a host.
Install
EasyTune 6
Size:9.79MB
An easy-to-use Windows-based system enhancement utility allowing quick access to a variety of performance features.
Install
DMI Viewer
Size:2.89MB
DMI Viewer provides a management tool for viewing motherboard hardware information.
Install
Face Wizard
Size:2.81MB
Face Wizard provides utility for customizing BIOS boot up screen.
Install
@BIOS

## 3-3 Technical Manuals

This page provides GIGABYTE's application guides, content descriptions for this driver disk, and the motherboard manuals.

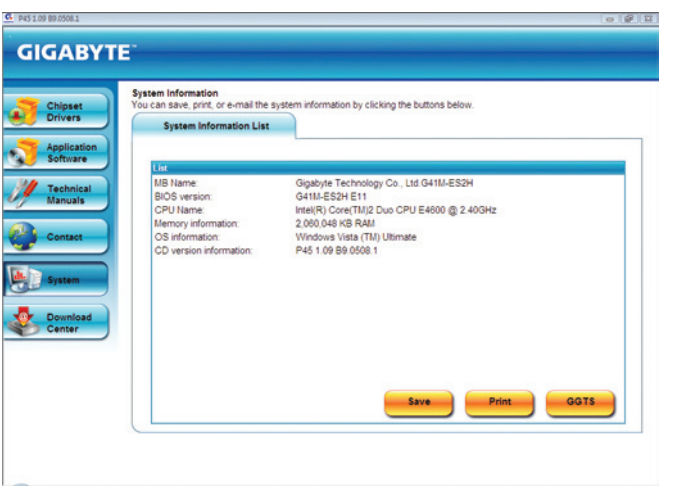


## 3-4 Contact

For the detailed contact information of the GIGABYTE Taiwan headquarter or worldwide branch offices, click the URL on this page to link to the GIGABYTE website.

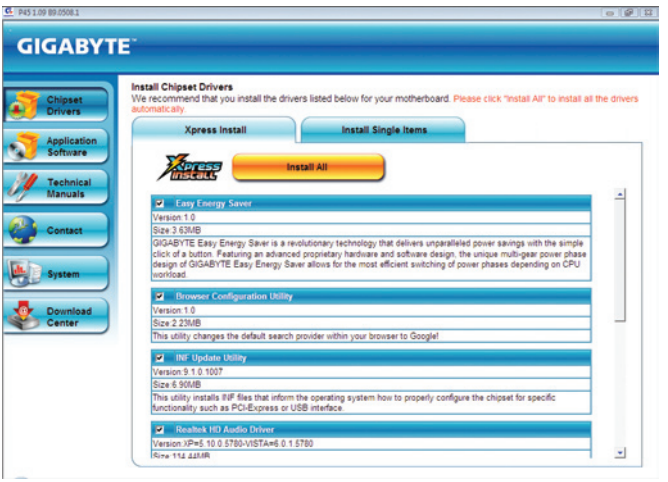
## 3-5 System

This page provides the basic system information.



## 3-6 Download Center

To update the BIOS, drivers, or applications, click the **Download Center** button to link to the GIGABYTE website. The latest version of the BIOS, drivers, or applications will be displayed.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We recommend that you install the drivers listed below for your motherboard. Please click "Install All" to install all the drivers automatically.
Xpress Install
Install Single Items
Install All
Easy Energy Saver
Version:1.0
Size:3.63MB
GIGABYTE Easy Energy Saver is a revolutionary technology that delivers unparalleled power savings with the simple click of a button. Featuring an advanced proprietary hardware and software design, the unique multi-gear power phase design of GIGABYTE Easy Energy Saver allows for the most efficient switching of power phases depending on CPU workload.
Browser Configuration Utility
Version:1.0
Size:2.23MB
This utility changes the default search provider within your browser to Google!
INF Update Utility
Version:9.1.0.1007
Size:6.90MB
This utility installs INF files that inform the operating system how to properly configure the chipset for specific functionality such as PCI-Express or USB interface.
Realtek HD Audio Driver
Version:XP=5.10.0.5780-VISTA=6.0.1.5780

# Chapter 4 Unique Features

## 4-1 Xpress Recovery2

Xpress Recovery2 is a utility that allows you to quickly compress and back up your system data and perform restoration of it. Supporting NTFS, FAT32, and FAT16 file systems, Xpress Recovery2 can back up data on PATA and SATA hard drives and restore it.

### Before You Begin:

- Xpress Recovery2 will check the first physical hard drive(Note) for the operating system. Xpress Recovery2 can only back up/restore the first physical hard drive that has the operating system installed.
- As Xpress Recovery2 will save the backup file at the end of the hard drive, make sure to leave enough un-allocated space in advanced (10 GB or more is recommended; actual size requirements vary, depending on the amount of data).
- It is recommended to back up your system soon after the operating system and drivers are installed.
- The amount of data and hard drive access speed may affect the speed at which the data is backed up/restored.
- It takes longer to back up a hard drive than to restore it.

### System Requirements:

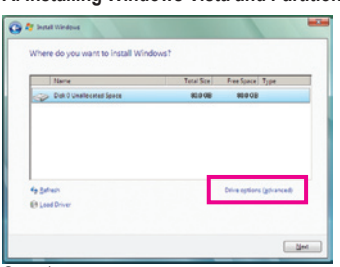
- At least 512 MB of system memory
- VESA compatible graphics card
- Windows XP with SP1 or later, Windows Vista

- Xpress Recovery and Xpress Recovery2 are different utilities. For example, a backup file created with Xpress Recovery cannot be restored using Xpress Recovery2.
- USB hard drives are not supported.
- Hard drives in RAID/AHCI mode are not supported.

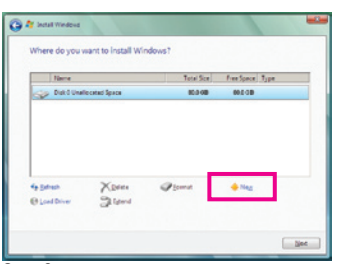
### Installation and Configuration:

Turn on your system to boot from the Windows Vista setup disk.

**A. Installing Windows Vista and Partitioning the Hard Drive**

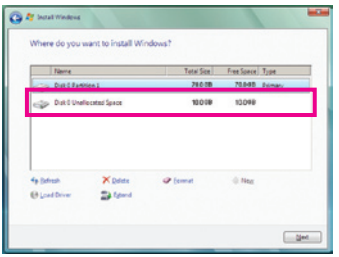



Step 1:
Click **Drive options**.




Step 2:
Click **New**.

(Note) Xpress Recovery2 checks the first physical hard drive in the following sequence: The first PATA IDE connector, the second PATA IDE connector, the first SATA connector, the second SATA connector and so forth. For example, when hard drives are attached to the first IDE and the first SATA connectors, the hard drive on the first IDE connector is the first physical drive. When hard drives are attached to the first and second SATA connectors, the hard drive on the first SATA connector is the first physical drive.

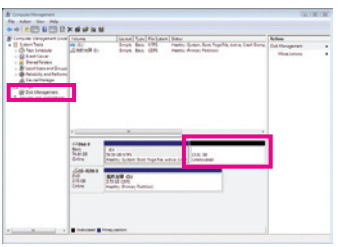



Step 3:

When partitioning your hard drive, make sure to leave unallocated space (10 GB or more is recommended; actual size requirements vary, depending on the amount of data) and begin the installation of the operating system.

Step 4:

After the operating system is installed, right-click the **Computer** icon on your desktop and select **Manage**. Go to **Disk Management** to check disk allocation.



Step 5:

Xpress Recovery2 will save the backup file to the unallocated space (black stripe along the top). Please note that if there is no enough unallocated space, Xpress Recovery2 cannot save the backup file.

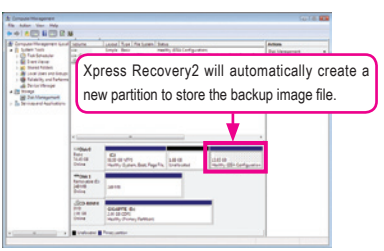
**B. Accessing Xpress Recovery2**

1. Boot from the motherboard driver disk to access Xpress Recovery2 for the first time. When you see the following message: `Press any key to startup Xpress Recovery2`, press any key to enter Xpress Recovery2.
2. After you use the backup function in Xpress Recovery2 for the first time, Xpress Recovery2 will stay permanent in your hard drive. If you wish to enter Xpress Recovery2 later, simply press <F9> during the POST.

**C. Using the Backup Function in Xpress Recovery2**

Step 1:

Select **BACKUP** to start backing up your hard drive data.




Step 2:

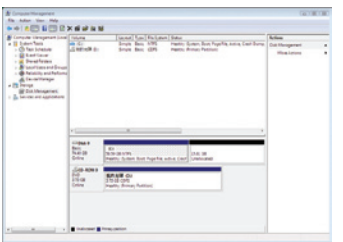
When finished, go to **Disk Management** to check disk allocation.

### D. Using the Restore Function in Xpress Recovery2

Select **RESTORE** to restore the backup to your hard drive in case the system breaks down. The **RESTORE** option will not be present if no backup is created before.

### E. Removing the Backup

Step 1:
If you wish to remove the backup file, select **REMOVE**.



Step 2:
After the backup file is removed, no backup image file will be present in **Disk Management** and hard drive space will be freed up.

### F. Exiting Xpress Recovery2

Select **REBOOT** to exit Xpress Recovery2.

# 4-2 BIOS Update Utilities

GIGABYTE motherboards provide two unique BIOS update tools, Q-Flash™ and @BIOS™. GIGABYTE Q-Flash and @BIOS are easy-to-use and allow you to update the BIOS without the need to enter MS-DOS mode. Additionally, this motherboard features the DualBIOS™ design, which enhances protection for the safety and stability of your computer by adding one more physical BIOS chip.

**What is DualBIOS™?**

Motherboards that support DualBIOS have two BIOS onboard, a main BIOS and a backup BIOS. Normally, the system works on the main BIOS. However, if the main BIOS is corrupted or damaged, the backup BIOS will take over on the next system boot and copy the BIOS file to the main BIOS to ensure normal system operation. For the sake of system safety, users cannot update the backup BIOS manually.

**What is Q-Flash™?**

With Q-Flash you can update the system BIOS without having to enter operating systems like MS-DOS or Window first. Embedded in the BIOS, the Q-Flash tool frees you from the hassles of going through complicated BIOS flashing process.

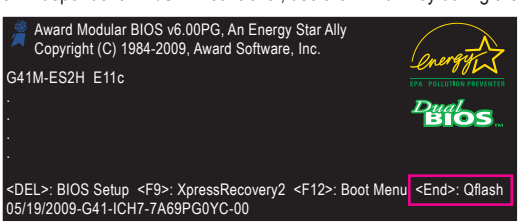
**What is @BIOS™?**

@BIOS allows you to update the system BIOS while in the Windows environment. @BIOS will download the latest BIOS file from the nearest @BIOS server site and update the BIOS.

## 4-2-1 Updating the BIOS with the Q-Flash Utility

### A. Before You Begin

1. From GIGABYTE's website, download the latest compressed BIOS update file that matches your motherboard model.
2. Extract the file and save the new BIOS file (e.g. g41mes2h.fa) to your floppy disk, USB flash drive, or hard drive. Note: The USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system.
3. Restart the system. During the POST, press the <End> key to enter Q-Flash. Note: You can access Q-Flash by either pressing the <End> key during the POST or pressing the <F8> key in BIOS Setup. However, if the BIOS update file is saved to a hard drive in RAID/AHCI mode or a hard drive attached to an independent IDE/SATA controller, use the <End> key during the POST to access Q-Flash.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Copyright (C) 1984-2009, Award Software, Inc.
G41M-ES2H E11c
<DEL>: BIOS Setup <F9>: XpressRecovery2 <F12>: Boot Menu <End>: Qflash
05/19/2009-G41-ICH7-7A69PG0YC-00

Because BIOS flashing is potentially risky, please do it with caution. Inadequate BIOS flashing may result in system malfunction.

## B. Updating the BIOS

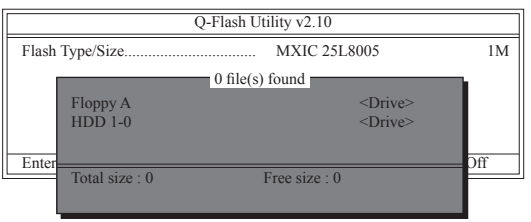
When updating the BIOS, choose the location where the BIOS file is saved. The following procedure assumes that you save the BIOS file to a floppy disk.

Step 1:

1. Insert the floppy disk containing the BIOS file into the floppy disk drive. In the main menu of Q-Flash, use the up or down arrow key to select **Update BIOS from Drive** and press <Enter>.

- The **Save Main BIOS to Drive** option allows you to save the current BIOS file.
- Q-Flash only supports USB flash drive or hard drives using FAT32/16/12 file system.
- If the BIOS update file is saved to a hard drive in RAID/AHCI mode or a hard drive attached to an independent IDE/SATA controller, use the <End> key during the POST to access Q-Flash.

2. Select **Floppy A** and press <Enter>.




3. Select the BIOS update file and press <Enter>.

**Make sure the BIOS update file matches your motherboard model.**

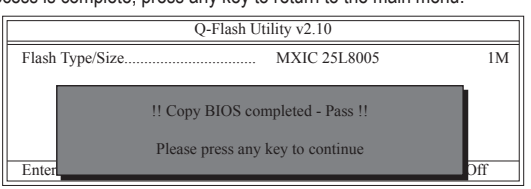
Step 2:

The process of the system reading the BIOS file from the floppy disk is displayed on the screen. When the message "Are you sure to update BIOS?" appears, press <Enter> to begin the BIOS update. The monitor will display the update process.

- **Do not turn off or restart the system when the system is reading/updating the BIOS.**
- **Do not remove the floppy disk, USB flash drive, or hard drive when the system is updating the BIOS.**

Step 3:

When the update process is complete, press any key to return to the main menu.

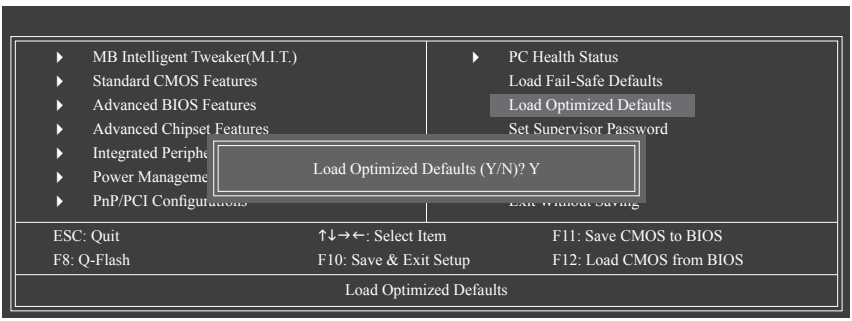


Step 4:

Press <Esc> and then <Enter> to exit Q-Flash and reboot the system. As the system boots, you should see the new BIOS version is present on the POST screen.

Step 5:

During the POST, press <Delete> to enter BIOS Setup. Select **Load Optimized Defaults** and press <Enter> to load BIOS defaults. System will re-detect all peripheral devices after a BIOS update, so we recommend that you reload BIOS defaults.




Press <Y> to load BIOS defaults

Step 6:

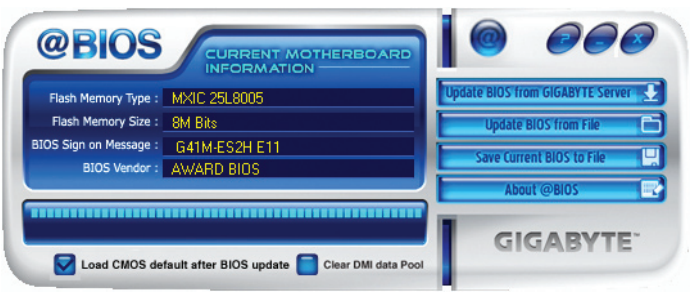
Select **Save & Exit Setup** and then press <Y> to save settings to CMOS and exit BIOS Setup. The procedure is complete after the system restarts.

## 4-2-2 Updating the BIOS with the @BIOS Utility

### A. Before You Begin

1. In Windows, close all applications and TSR (Terminate and Stay Resident) programs. This helps prevent unexpected failures when performing a BIOS update.
2. During the BIOS update process, ensure the Internet connection is stable and do NOT interrupt the Internet connection (for example, avoid a power loss or switching off the Internet). Failure to do so may result in a corrupted BIOS or a system that is unable to start.
3. Do not use the G.O.M. (GIGABYTE Online Management) function when using @BIOS.
4. GIGABYTE product warranty does not cover any BIOS damage or system failure resulting from an inadequate BIOS flashing.

### B. Using @BIOS


@BIOS
CURRENT MOTHERBOARD INFORMATION
Flash Memory Type : MXIC 25L8005
Flash Memory Size : 8M Bits
BIOS Sign on Message : G41M-ES2H E11
BIOS Vendor : AWARD BIOS
Update BIOS from GIGABYTE Server
Update BIOS from File
Save Current BIOS to File
About @BIOS
GIGABYTE
Load CMOS default after BIOS update
Clear DMI data Pool

1. Update BIOS from GIGABYTE Server **Update the BIOS Using the Internet Update Function:**

   Click **Update BIOS from GIGABYTE Server**, select the @BIOS server site closest to your location and then download the BIOS file that matches your motherboard model. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete.

   If the BIOS update file for your motherboard is not present on the @BIOS server site, please manually download the BIOS update file from GIGABYTE's website and follow the instructions in "Update the BIOS without Using the Internet Update Function" below.

2. Update BIOS from File **Update the BIOS without Using the Internet Update Function:**

   Click **Update BIOS from File**, then select the location where you save the BIOS update file obtained from the Internet or through other source. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete.

3. Save Current BIOS to File **Save the Current BIOS File:**

   Click **Save Current BIOS to File** to save the current BIOS file.

4. Load CMOS default after BIOS update **Load BIOS Defaults after BIOS Update:**

   Select the **Load CMOS default after BIOS update** check box and then the system will automatically load BIOS defaults after BIOS update and after the system restarts.

### C. After Updating the BIOS

Restart your system after updating the BIOS.

**Make sure that the BIOS file to be flashed matches your motherboard model. Updating the BIOS with an incorrect BIOS file could cause your system not to boot.**

# 4-3 EasyTune 6

GIGABYTE's EasyTune 6 is a simple and easy-to-use interface that allows users to fine-tune their system settings or do overclock/overvoltage in Windows environment. The user-friendly EasyTune 6 interface also includes tabbed pages for CPU and memory information, letting users read their system-related information without the need to install additional software.

## The EasyTune 6 Interface

## Tabs Information

| Tab | Function |
|---|---|
| CPU | The **CPU** tab provides information on the installed CPU and motherboard. |
| Memory | The **Memory** tab provides information on the installed memory module(s). You can select memory module on a specific slot to see its information. |
| Tuner | The **Tuner** tab allows you to change system clock settings and voltages.<br>• **Easy mode** allows you to adjust the CPU FSB only.<br>• **Advanced mode** allows you to individually change system clock settings and voltages settings using the sliders.<br>• **Save** allows you to save the current settings to a new profile (.txt file).<br>• **Load** allows you to load previous settings from a profile.<br>After making changes in **Easy mode**/**Advanced mode**, be sure to click **Set** for these changes to take effect or click **Default** to restore to default values. |
| Graphics | The **Graphics** tab allows you to change the core clock and memory clock for your ATI or NVIDIA graphics card. |
| Smart | The **Smart** tab allows you to specify a C.I.A.2 level and a Smart Fan mode. **Smart Fan Advance Mode** allows the CPU fan speed to be changed linearly based on the CPU temperature thresholds you set. |
| HW Monitor | The **HW Monitor** tab allows you to monitor hardware temperature, voltage and fan speed and set temperature/fan speed alarm. You can choose the alert sound from the buzzer or use your own sound file (.wav file). |

Available functions in EasyTune 6 may differ by motherboard model. Grayed-out area(s) indicates that the item is not configurable or the function is not supported.

Incorrectly doing overclock/overvoltage may result in damage to the hardware components such as CPU, chipset, and memory and reduce the useful life of these components. Before you do the overclock/overvoltage, make sure that you fully know each function of EasyTune 6, or system instability or other unexpected results may occur.

# 4-4 Easy Energy Saver

GIGABYTE Easy Energy Saver (Note 1) is a revolutionary technology that delivers unparalleled power savings with a click of the button. Featuring an advanced proprietary software design, GIGABYTE Easy Energy Saver is able to provide exceptional power savings and enhanced power efficiency without sacrificing computing performance.

### The Easy Energy Saver Interface

### A. Meter Mode

In Meter Mode, GIGABYTE Easy Energy Saver shows how much power they have saved in a set period of time.

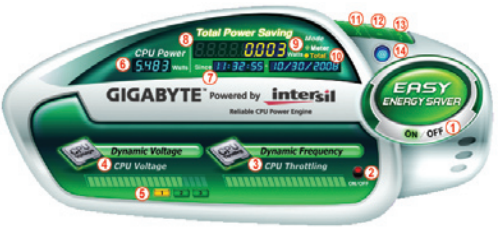
### Meter Mode - Button Information Table

| | Button Description |
|---|---|
| 1 | Easy Energy Saver On/Off Switch (Default: Off) |
| 2 | Dynamic CPU Frequency Function On/Off Switch (Default: Off) (Note 2) |
| 3 | CPU Throttling Display |
| 4 | CPU Voltage Display |
| 5 | 3-Level CPU Voltage Switch (Default:1) (Note 3) |
| 6 | Current CPU Power Consumption |
| 7 | Meter Time |
| 8 | Power Saving (Calculate power savings based on time) |
| 9 | Meter/Timer Reset Switch |
| 10 | Meter Mode Switch |
| 11 | Total Mode Switch |
| 12 | Close (Application will enter Stealth Mode) |
| 13 | Minimize (Application will continue to run in taskbar) |
| 14 | INFO/Help |
| 15 | Live Utility Update (Check for the latest utility version) |

- The above data is for reference only. Actual performance may vary depending on motherboard model.
- CPU Power and Power Scores are for reference only. Actual results may vary based on testing method.

## B. Total Mode

In Total Mode, users are able to see how much total power savings they have accumulated in a set period of time since activating Easy Energy Saver for the first time (Note 4).




### Total Mode - Button Information Table

| | Button Description |
|---|---|
| 1 | Easy Energy Saver On/Off Switch (Default: Off) |
| 2 | Dynamic CPU Frequency Function On/Off Switch (Default: Off) |
| 3 | CPU Throttling Display |
| 4 | CPU Voltage Display |
| 5 | 3-Level CPU Voltage Switch (Default:1) (Note 3) |
| 6 | Current CPU Power Consumption |
| 7 | Time/Date Easy Energy Saver Enabled |
| 8 | Total Power Savings (Total power saving with Easy Energy Saver enabled) (Note 5) |
| 9 | Meter Mode Switch |
| 10 | Total Mode Switch |
| 11 | Close (Application will enter Stealth Mode) |
| 12 | Minimize (Application will continue to run in taskbar) |
| 13 | INFO/Help |
| 14 | Live Utility Update (Check for the latest utility version) |

## C. Stealth Mode

In Stealth Mode, the system continues to work with the user-defined power saving settings, even after the system is restarted. Re-enter the application only if you want to make any changes or completely close the application.

(Note 1) Due to the hardware limitation, you must install the Intel®Core™ 2 Extreme/ Core™ 2 Quad/ Core™ 2 Duo/ Pentium Dual-Core/ Celeron Dual-Core/ Celeron 400 Series CPU to enable support for Easy Energy Saver. Before using the Easy Energy Saver function, make sure the **CPU Enhanced Halt (C1E)** and **CPU EIST Function** items in the BIOS Setup program are set to **Enabled**.

(Note 2) Maximize system power saving with Dynamic CPU Frequency Function; system performance may be affected.

(Note 3) 1: Normal Power Saving (default); 2: Advanced Power Saving; 3: Extreme Power Saving.

(Note 4) The total amount of power saved will be recorded until re-activated when only the Easy Energy Saver is under the enable status, and power savings meter is unable to reset to zero.

(Note 5) Easy Energy Saver Meter will automatically reset when the total power saving reaches 99999999 Watts.

# 4-5 Q-Share

Q-Share is an easy and convenient data sharing tool. After configuring your LAN connection settings and Q-Share, you are able to share your data with computers on the same network, making full use of Internet resources.

## Directions for using Q-Share

After installing Q-Share from the motherboard driver disk, go to Start>All Programs>GIGABYTE>Q-Share. exe to launch the Q-Share tool. Find the **Q-Share** icon in the notification area and right-click on this icon to configure the data sharing settings.

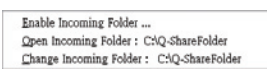



Figure 1. Data Sharing Disabled

Figure 2. Data Sharing Enabled

## Options Descriptions

| Option | Description |
|---|---|
| Connect ... | Displays the computers with data sharing enabled |
| Enable Incoming Folder ... | Enables data sharing |
| Disable Incoming Folder ... | Disables data sharing |
| Open Incoming Folder : C:\Q-ShareFolder | Accesses the shared data folder |
| Change Incoming Folder : C:\Q-ShareFolder | Changes the data folder to be shared (Note) |
| Update Q-Share ... | Updates Q-Share online |
| About Q-Share ... | Displays the current Q-Share version |
| Exit... | Exits Q-Share |

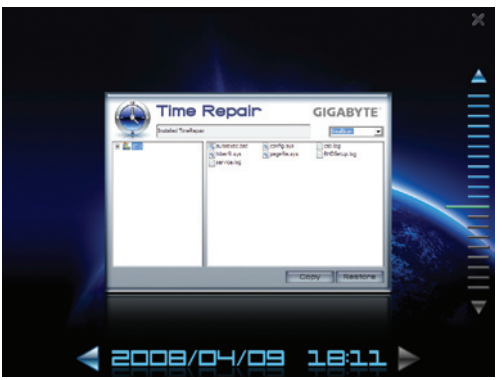
(Note) This option is available only when data sharing is NOT enabled.

# 4-6 Time Repair

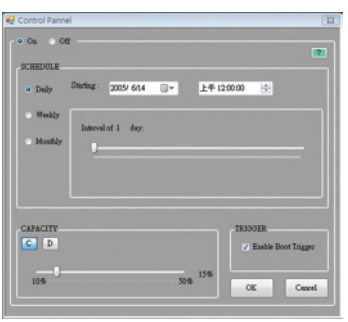
Based on the Microsoft Volume Shadow Copy Services technology, Time Repair allows you to quickly back up and restore your system data in the Windows Vista operating system. Time Repair supports NTFS file system and can restore system data on PATA and SATA hard drives.

### System Restore

Choose a system restore point using the navigation bar on the right or at the bottom of the screen to view the system data backed up at different time. You can choose file(s)/directory(ies) and click the **Copy** button to restore the file(s)/directory(ies) or click **Restore** to restore the entire system.




### Preference Screen




| Button | Function |
|---|---|
| ON | Automatically creates system restore points |
| OFF | DO NOT automatically create system restore points |
| SCHEDULE | Sets a regular interval for creating system restore points |
| CAPACITY | Sets the percentage of hard drive space used for saving shadow copies |
| TRIGGER | Creates a system restore point upon the first boot up of the day |
| ? | Displays the Time Repair help file |

- The hard drive used must have more than 1 GB of capacity and over 300 MB of available space.
- Each storage volume can accommodate 64 shadow copies. When this limit is reached, the oldest shadow copy will be deleted and unable to be restored. Shadow copies are read-only so you cannot edit the contents of a shadow copy.

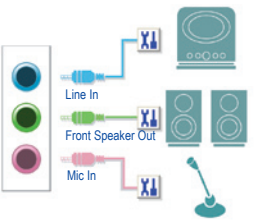
# Chapter 5 Appendix

## 5-1 Configuring Audio Input and Output

### 5-1-1 Configuring 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio

The motherboard provides three audio jacks on the back panel which support 2/4/5.1/7.1(Note)-channel audio. The picture to the right shows the default audio jack assignments.

The integrated HD (High Definition) audio provides jack retasking capability that allows the user to change the function for each jack through the audio driver.




- To install a microphone, connect your microphone to the Mic in jack and manually configure the jack for microphone functionality.
- Audio signals will be present on both of the front and back panel audio connections simultaneously. If you want to mute the back panel audio (only supported when using an HD front panel audio module), refer to instructions on page 75.

**High Definition Audio (HD Audio)**

HD Audio includes multiple high quality digital-to-analog converters (DACs) that support 44.1KHz/48KHz/96KHz/192KHz sampling rate. HD Audio features multistreaming capabilities that allow multiple audio streams (in and out) to be simultaneously processed. For example, users can listen to MP3 music, have an Internet chat, make a telephone call over the Internet, and etc. all at the same time.

### A. Configuring Speakers

(The following instructions use Windows Vista as the example operating system.)

Step 1:

After installing the audio driver, the **HD Audio Manager** icon will appear in the notification area. Double-click the icon to access the **HD Audio Manager**.

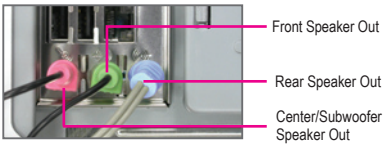
(Note) 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio Configurations:

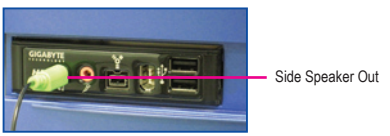
Refer to the following for multi-channel speaker configurations.

- 2-channel audio: Headphone or Line out.
- 4-channel audio: Front speaker out and Rear speaker out.
- 5.1-channel audio: Front speaker out, Rear speaker out, and Center/Subwoofer speaker out.
- 7.1-channel audio: Front speaker out, Rear speaker out, Center/Subwoofer speaker out, and Side speaker out.

The pictures to the right show the 7.1-channel speaker configurations.

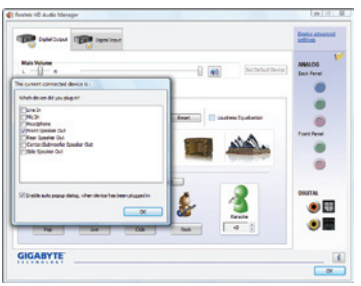
7.1-Channel Speakers:



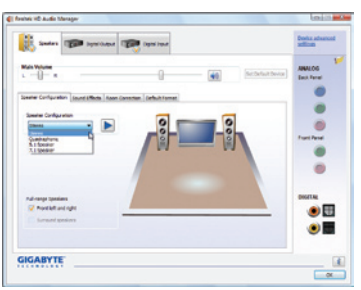

Step 2:

Connect an audio device to an audio jack. The **The current connected device is** dialog box appears. Select the device according to the type of device you connect. Then click **OK**.



Step 3:

On the **Speakers** screen, click the **Speaker Configuration** tab. In the **Speaker Configuration** list, select **Stereo**, **Quadraphonic**, **5.1 Speaker**, or **7.1 Speaker** according to the type of speaker configuration you wish to set up. Then the speaker setup is completed.

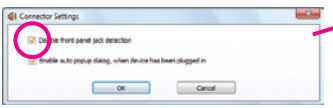


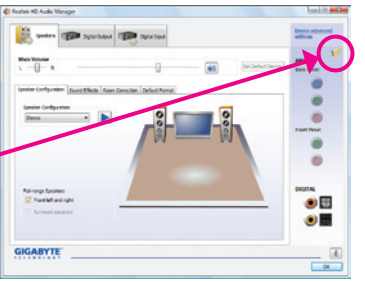
## B. Configuring Sound Effect

You may configure an audio environment on the **Sound Effects** tab.

## C. Activating an AC'97 Front Panel Audio Module

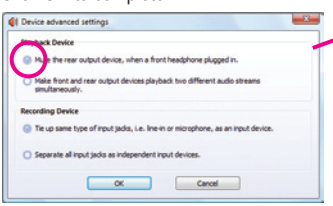
If your chassis provides an AC'97 front panel audio module, to activate the AC'97 functionality, click the tool icon on the **Speaker Configuration** tab. On the **Connector Settings** dialog box, select the **Disable front panel jack detection** check box. Click **OK** to complete.

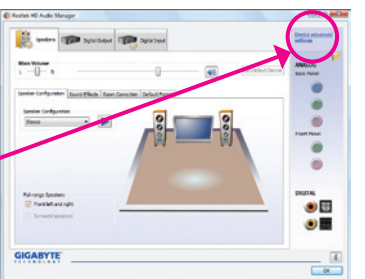



## D. Muting the Back Panel Audio (For HD Audio Only)

Click **Device advanced settings** on the top right corner on the **Speaker Configuration** tab to open the **Device advanced settings** dialog box. Select the **Mute the rear output device, when a front headphone plugged in** check box. Click **OK** to complete.

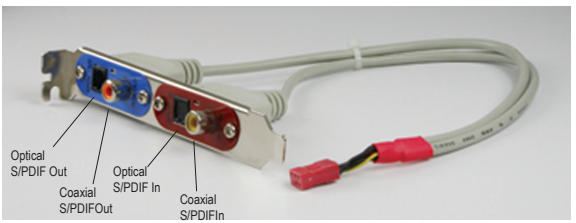


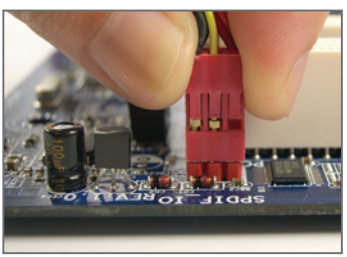



## 5-1-2 Configuring S/PDIF In/Out

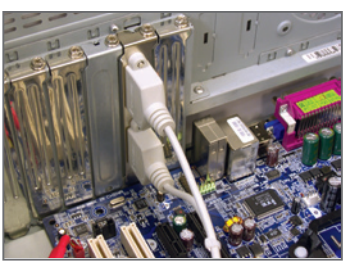
### A. Installing the S/PDIF In and Out Cable

The S/PDIF In and Out cable (optional) provides S/PDIF In and S/PDIF Out functionalities



Step 1(Note):
First, attach the connector at the end of the cable to the SPDIF_IO header on your motherboard.

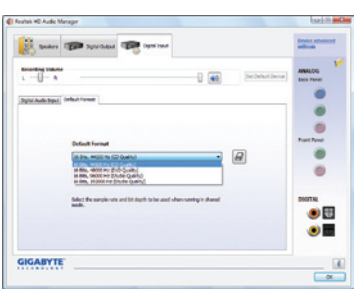


Step 2:
Secure the metal bracket to the chassis back panel with a screw.

### B. Configuring S/PDIF in:

The S/PDIF In jacks on the SPDI/F In and Out cable allow you to input digital audio signals to the computer for audio processing.

Step:
After connecting the S/PDIF In device, access the **Digital Input** screen. Click the **Default Format** tab to select the default format. Click **OK** to complete.



(Note) The actual locations of the SPDIF In and SPDIF Out connectors may differ by model.

## C. Configuring S/PDIF Out:

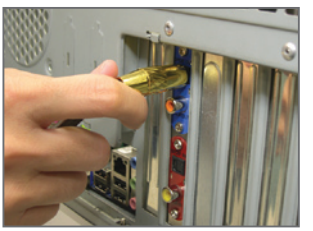
The S/PDIF Out jacks can transmit audio signals to an external decoder for decoding to get the best audio quality. To output S/PDIF digital audio signals to an external decoder, connect a S/PDIF coaxial cable or a S/PDIF optical cable (either one) to the optical/coxial S/PDIF Out connector on on the optional S/PDIF In and Out cable.

### C-1. Connecting a S/PDIF Out Cable:

Step:

Connect a S/PDIF coaxial cable or a S/PDIF optical cable (either one) to an external decoder for transmitting the S/PDIF digital audio signals.

S/PDIF Coaxial Cable

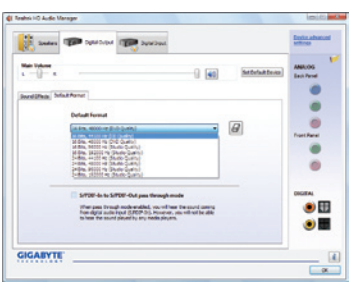


S/PDIF Optical Cable

### C-2. Configuring S/PDIF Out:

Step:

On the **Digital Output** screen, click the **Default Format** tab and then select the sample rate and bit depth. Click **OK** to complete.



## 5-1-3 Configuring Microphone Recording

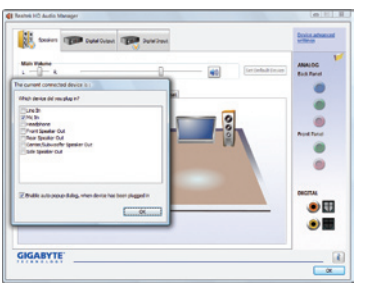
Step 1:

After installing the audio driver, the **HD Audio Manager** icon will appear in the notification area. Double-click the icon to access the **HD Audio Manager**.

Step 2:

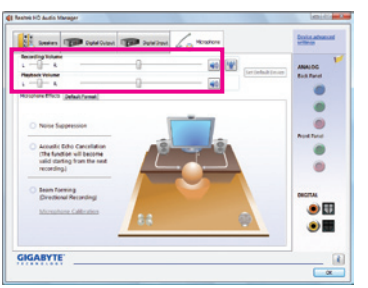
Connect your microphone to the Mic in jack (pink) on the back panel or the Mic in jack (pink) on the front panel. Then configure the jack for microphone functionality.

Note: The microphone functions on the front panel and back panel cannot be used at the same time.

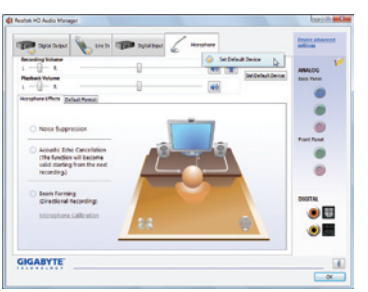


Step 3:

Go to the **Microphone** screen. Do not mute the recording volume, or you'll not be able to record the sound. To hear the sound being recorded during the recording process, do not mute the playback volume. It is recommended that you set the volumes at a middle level.

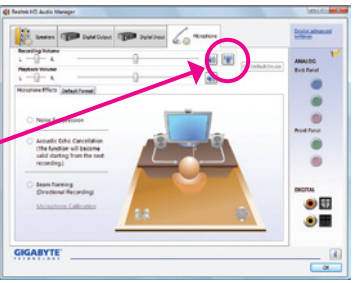


If you want to change the current sound input default device to microphone, right-click on **Microphone** and select **Set Default Device**.



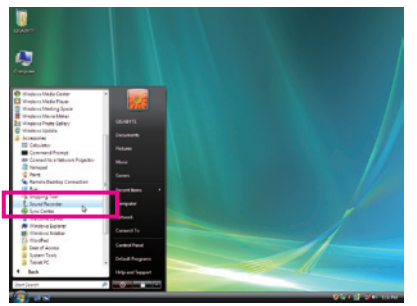
Step 4:

To raise the recording and playback volume for the microphone, click the **Microphone Boost** icon on the right of the **Recording Volume** slider and set the Microphone Boost level.



Step 5:

After completing the settings above, click **Start**, point to **All Programs**, point to **Accessories**, and then click **Sound Recorder** to begin the sound recording.



## * Enabling Stereo Mix

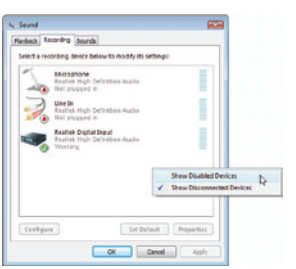
If the HD Audio Manager does not display the recording device you wish to use, refer to the steps below. The following steps explain how to enable Stereo Mix (which may be needed when you want to record sound from your computer).

Step 1:

Locate the **Volume** icon in the notification area and right-click on this icon. Select **Recording Devices**.

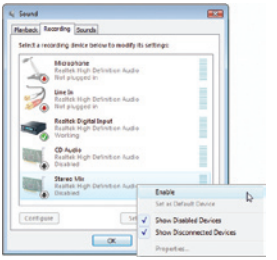
Step 2:

On the **Recording** tab, right-click on an empty space and select **Show Disabled Devices**.



Step 3:

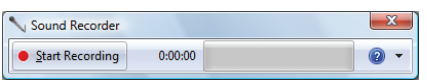
When the **Stereo Mix** item appears, right-click on this item and select **Enable**. Then set it as the default device.



Step 4:

Now you can access the **HD Audio Manager** to configure **Stereo Mix** and use **Sound Recorder** to record the sound.

## 5-1-4 Using the Sound Recorder




### A. Recording Sound

1. Make sure you have connected the sound input device (e.g. microphone) to the computer.
2. To record the audio, click the **Start Recording** button Start Recording.
3. To stop recording audio, click the **Stop Recording** button Stop Recording.

Be sure to save the recorded audio file upon completion.

### B. Playing the Recorded Sound

You can play your recording in a digital media player program that supports your audio file format.

# 5-2 Troubleshooting

## 5-2-1 Frequently Asked Questions

To read more FAQs for your motherboard, please go to the Support\Motherboard\FAQ page on GIGABYTE's website.

Q: In the BIOS Setup program, why are some BIOS options missing?

A: Some advanced options are hidden in the BIOS Setup program. Press <Delete> to enter BIOS Setup during the POST. In the Main Menu, press <Ctrl>+<F1> to show the advanced options.

Q: Why is the light of my keyboard/optical mouse still on after the computer shuts down?

A: Some motherboards provide a small amount of standby power after the computer shuts down and that's why the light is still on.

Q: How do I clear the CMOS values?

A: If your motherboard has a clearing CMOS jumper, refer to the instructions on the CLR_CMOS jumper in Chapter 1 to short the jumper to clear the CMOS values. If your board doesn't have this jumper, refer to the instructions on the motherboard battery in Chapter 1. You can temporarily remove the battery from the battery holder to stop supplying power to the CMOS, which will clear the CMOS values after about one minute. Refer to the steps below:

Steps:

1. Turn off your computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Gently remove the battery from the battery holder and wait for one minute. (Or use a metal object like a screwdriver to touch the positive and negative terminals of the battery holder, making them short for 5 seconds.)
3. Replace the battery.
4. Plug in the power cord and restart your computer.
5. Press <Delete> to enter BIOS Setup. Select "Load Fail-Safe Defaults" (or "Load Optimized Defaults") to load BIOS default settings.
6. Saves changes and exit BIOS Setup (select "Save & Exit Setup") to restart your computer.

Q: Why do I still get a weak sound even though I have turned my speaker to the maximum volume?

A: Make sure your speaker is equipped with an internal amplifier. If not, try a speaker with power/amplifier.

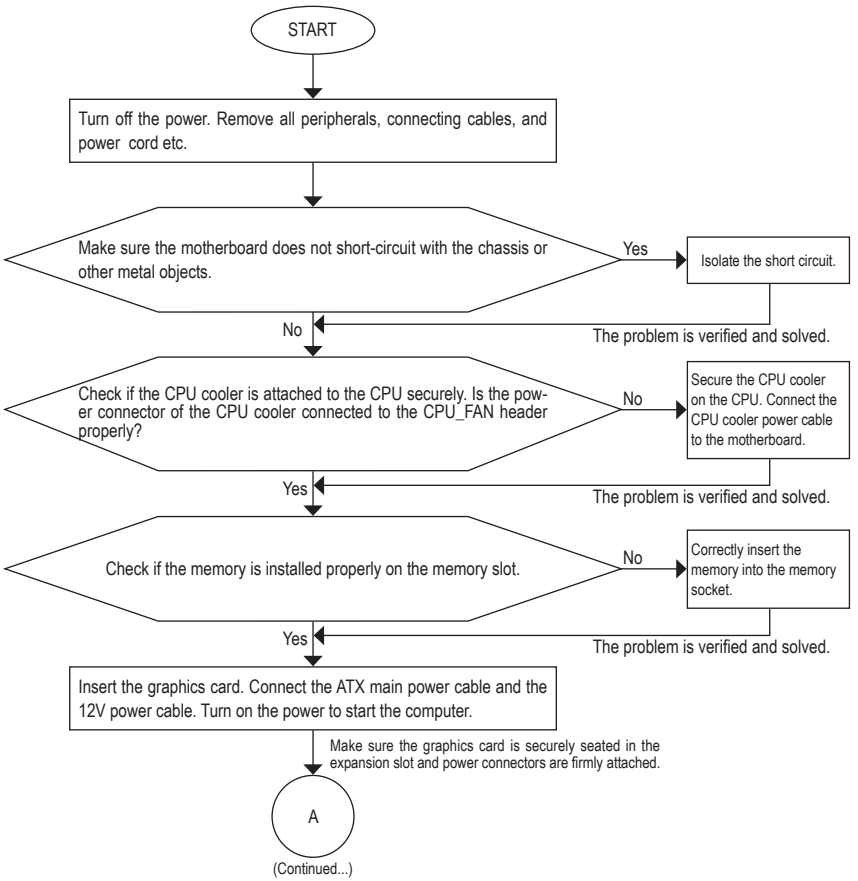
Q: What do the beeps emitted during the POST mean?

A: The following Award BIOS beep code descriptions may help you identify possible computer problems. (For reference only.)

1 short: System boots successfully
2 short: CMOS setting error
1 long, 1 short: Memory or motherboard error
1 long, 2 short: Monitor or graphics card error
1 long, 3 short: Keyboard error
1 long, 9 short: BIOS ROM error
Continuous long beeps: Graphics card not inserted properly
Continuous short beeps: Power error

## 5-2-2 Troubleshooting Procedure

If you encounter any troubles during system startup, follow the troubleshooting procedure below to solve the problem.


START
Turn off the power. Remove all peripherals, connecting cables, and power cord etc.
Make sure the motherboard does not short-circuit with the chassis or other metal objects.
Yes
Isolate the short circuit.
No
The problem is verified and solved.
Check if the CPU cooler is attached to the CPU securely. Is the power connector of the CPU cooler connected to the CPU_FAN header properly?
No
Secure the CPU cooler on the CPU. Connect the CPU cooler power cable to the motherboard.
Yes
The problem is verified and solved.
Check if the memory is installed properly on the memory slot.
No
Correctly insert the memory into the memory socket.
Yes
The problem is verified and solved.
Insert the graphics card. Connect the ATX main power cable and the 12V power cable. Turn on the power to start the computer.
Make sure the graphics card is securely seated in the expansion slot and power connectors are firmly attached.
A
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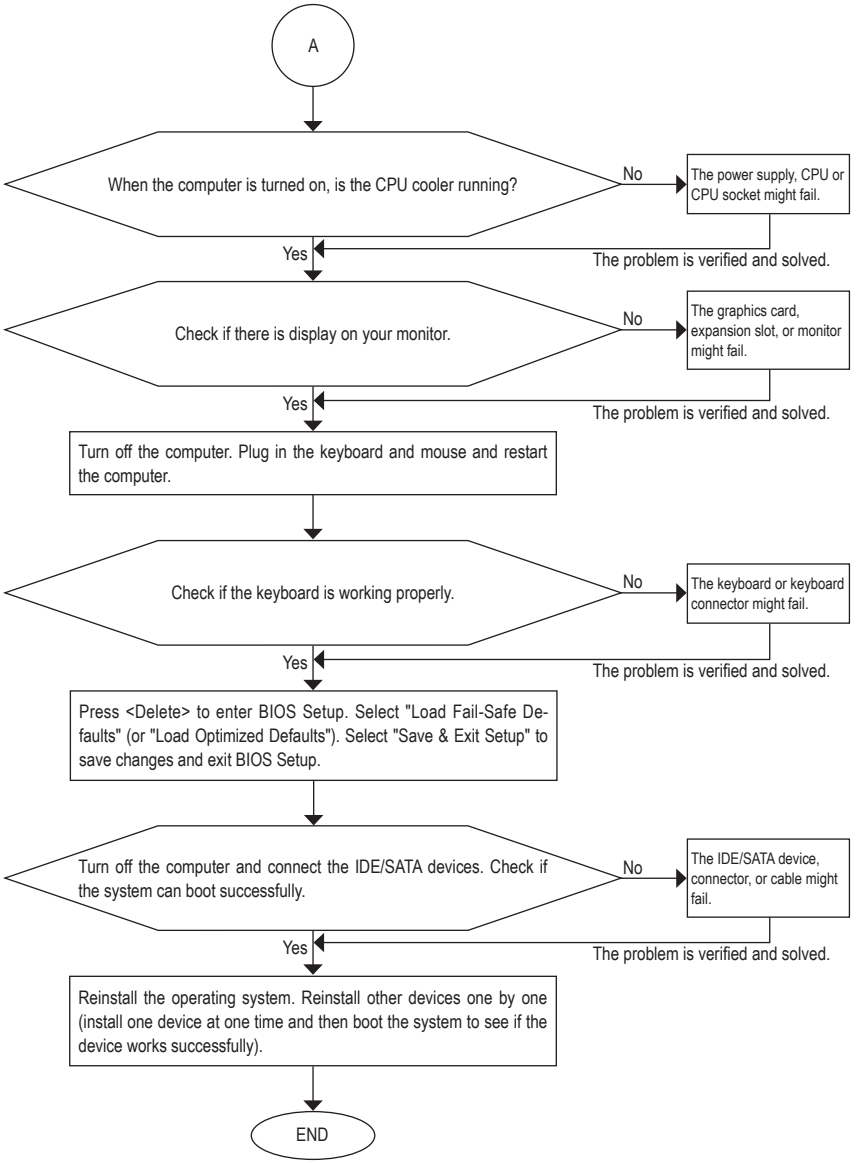
A
When the computer is turned on, is the CPU cooler running?
No
The power supply, CPU or CPU socket might fail.
Yes
The problem is verified and solved.
Check if there is display on your monitor.
No
The graphics card, expansion slot, or monitor might fail.
Yes
The problem is verified and solved.
Turn off the computer. Plug in the keyboard and mouse and restart the computer.
Check if the keyboard is working properly.
No
The keyboard or keyboard connector might fail.
Yes
The problem is verified and solved.
Press <Delete> to enter BIOS Setup. Select "Load Fail-Safe Defaults" (or "Load Optimized Defaults"). Select "Save & Exit Setup" to save changes and exit BIOS Setup.
Turn off the computer and connect the IDE/SATA devices. Check if the system can boot successfully.
No
The IDE/SATA device, connector, or cable might fail.
Yes
The problem is verified and solved.
Reinstall the operating system. Reinstall other devices one by one (install one device at one time and then boot the system to see if the device works successfully).
END

If the procedure above is unable to solve your problem, contact the place of purchase or local dealer for help. Or go to the **Support&Downloads\Technical Service Zone** page to submit your question. Our customer service staff will reply you as soon as possible.

# 5-3 Regulatory Statements

## Regulatory Notices

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- When your electrical or electronic equipment is no longer useful to you, "take it back" to your local or regional waste collection administration for recycling.
- If you need further assistance in recycling, reusing in your "end of life" product, you may contact us at the Customer Care number listed in your product's user's manual and we will be glad to help you with your effort.

Finally, we suggest that you practice other environmentally friendly actions by understanding and using the energy-saving features of this product (where applicable), recycling the inner and outer packaging (including shipping containers) this product was delivered in, and by disposing of or recycling used batteries properly. With your help, we can reduce the amount of natural resources needed to produce electrical and electronic equipment, minimize the use of landfills for the disposal of "end of life" products, and generally improve our quality of life by ensuring that potentially hazardous substances are not released into the environment and are disposed of properly.

## China Restriction of Hazardous Substances Table

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关于符合中国《电子信息产品污染控制管理办法》的声明
Management Methods on Control of Pollution from Electronic Information Products
(China RoHS Declaration)

产品中有毒有害物质或元素的名称及含量
Hazardous Substances Table

| 部件名称(Parts) | 有毒有害物质或元素(Hazardous Substances) | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 铅(Pb) | 汞(Hg) | 镉(Cd) | 六价铬(Cr(VI)) | 多溴联苯(PBB) | 多溴二苯醚(PBDE) |
| PCB板<br>PCB | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 结构件及风扇<br>Mechanical parts and Fan | × | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 芯片及其他主动零件<br>Chip and other Active components | × | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 连接器<br>Connectors | × | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 被动电子元器件<br>Passive Components | × | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 线材<br>Cables | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 焊接金属<br>Soldering metal | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |
| 助焊剂，散热膏，标签及其他耗材<br>Flux, Solder Paste, Label and other Consumable Materials | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ | ○ |

○:表示该有毒有害物质在该部件所有均质材料中的含量均在SJ/T11363-2006标准规定的限量要求以下。
Indicates that this hazardous substance contained in all homogenous materials of this part is below the limit requirement SJ/T 11363-2006

×:表示该有毒有害物质至少在该部件的某一均质材料中的含量超出SJ/T11363-2006标准规定的限量要求。
Indicates that this hazardous substance contained in at least one of the homogenous materials of this part is above the limit requirement in SJ/T 11363-2006

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